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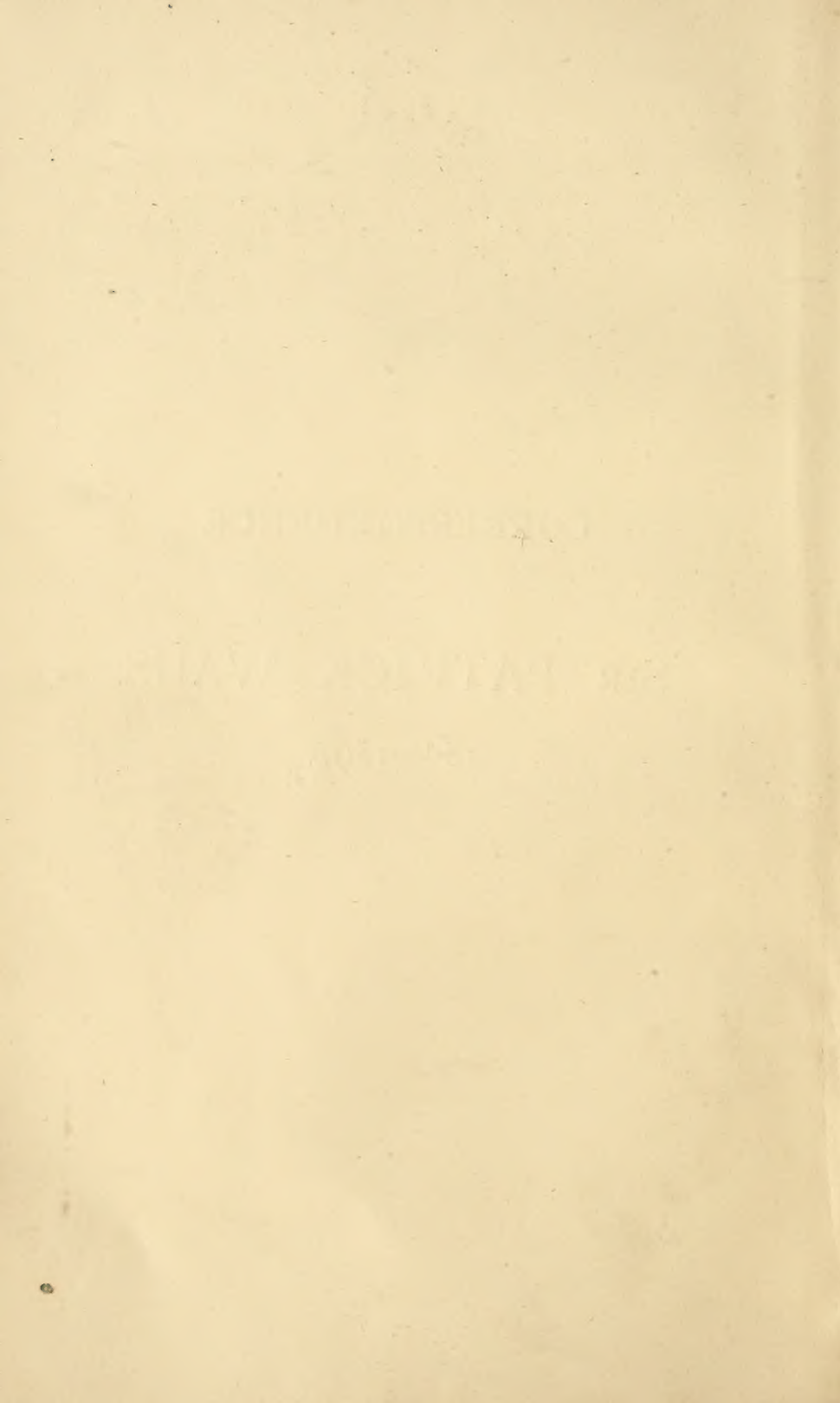




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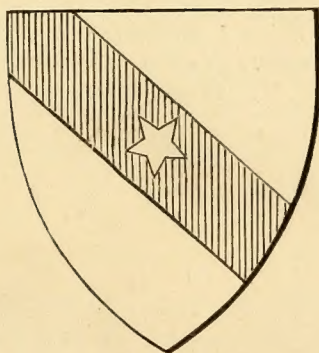
OF

## SIR PATRICK WAUS

OF BARNBARROCH, KNIGHT

PARSON OF WIGTOWN; FIRST ALMONER TO THE QUEEN;  
SENATOR OF THE COLLEGE OF JUSTICE; LORD OF  
COUNCIL, AND AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK

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## PREFACE.

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IN the spring of the year 1845 I was applied to by a lady, who claimed descent from the family of Young of Seton, to search among old papers believed to exist at Barnbarroch for any letters from Sir Peter Young of Seton, who had been Ambassador to Denmark with the Laird of Barnbarroch in 1587. Not having at that time learned to read the ancient writing, my search was not an exhaustive one; but I found several letters from Sir Peter Young on the subject of the Embassy; and having noticed some letters with the signatures of some of the principal historical characters of the time, I got a few of them transcribed. The fee I had to pay for the work done deterred me from employing similar assistance on a large scale, and I resolved to teach myself to read the old documents, that I might judge what there was among the family papers worthy of publication.

The quantity of material was alarming; I felt that one man's lifetime would not suffice to master it all, but I made a beginning, and after having transcribed indiscriminately what at the first glance seemed to be interesting, I resolved to limit my work to private letters, and afterwards to those addressed to one ancestor only, Sir Patrick Waus, whose career embraced the latter half of the sixteenth century. For many years I have occupied my leisure in copying these old papers, and the task has been a labour of love. It has led me into much interesting



research into the history and language of the period, and has enabled me to pass agreeably hours which, without this resource, would have been tedious; notably, many spent in the Library of the House of Commons, when the practice of the Art of Procrastination was making them both wearisome and irritating to those who chose, or were obliged, to listen to its professors.

When the work was well advanced I offered the MS. to the Grampian Club, of which I am a member, and it was accepted, and advertised as one of the forthcoming publications of that Club; but, it having been intimated to me by the Secretary that the Club was not in funds to pay for the printing of the book, I withdrew it, and now publish it myself in the hope that this contribution of mine to the records of the past will stimulate other owners of ancient documents, which have as yet escaped the perils of fire and damp, to examine them, and give to the world in a modern form those that are of interest, before they are utterly obliterated by inevitable decay.

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<sup>1</sup> Archibald, fifth Earl of Argyle.

<sup>2</sup> Lord John Hamilton, Abbot of Arbroath.

<sup>3</sup> Archbishop of St Andrews.

<sup>4</sup> Robert Lord Boyd.

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60	6th July 1589,	James l lyndsay. James Lord Lindsay.
61	1st Jan. 1589-90,	J. Drumlangrig. Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig.
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63	} Before 1547, {	Patrick Vaus, Patricius Vaus, rector de Wigtoun.
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65	10th Aug. 1568,	Mr Patrick Waus of Carscrev.
66	12th Nov. 1577,	Barnbarrath.
67	— May 1597,	Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch.

## INTRODUCTION.

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THE following collection of papers consists principally of private letters addressed to Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, during the period from about the middle till the end of the sixteenth century. Some of them (twenty-six in number) have already been published in the Miscellany of the Maitland Club (Part ii., p. 253), and they will be found in this volume at their respective dates. During the greater part of that time Sir Patrick was engaged in public business, but he was not so absorbed in politics or in his duties as a Judge, a member of the Privy Council, a Lord of the Articles, and an Ambassador, as to be neglectful of his own affairs, and he acquired a considerable estate in land in addition to that which he inherited. Many interesting letters will be found on this subject, especially as to the purchase of land belonging to the Priory of Whithorn.

In editing these papers I am unwilling to dwell upon genealogy, still it is necessary to state briefly the family and the circumstances in which this ancestor was born. The surname Vaus, Vauss, Waus, or Wauss—for it is found in all these forms—is invariably de Vallibus in the Latin charters, and is the same as Vaux, which is one of the first surnames that appears in England after the Norman Conquest. One of that family came to Scotland in the time of King David I.; and in the reign of his grandson and successor, Malcolm IV., Philip de Vallibus is named in history, and soon after we find the family of Vallibus or Vaus proprietors of the lands and barony of

Dirleton in East Lothian.<sup>1</sup> The last of this family, Willielmus de Vaus, whose eldest son had predeceased him in 1358, died in 1392,<sup>2</sup> leaving two granddaughters co-heiresses. The elder married Sir John Haliburton,<sup>3</sup> who became Lord of Dirleton, and quartered the Vaus arms, and whose family ended in three daughters—Janet, married to William Lord Ruthven; Mariota, to George, fourth Lord Home; and Margaret, to George Ker of Faudonside, all of whom quartered the arms of Vaus.<sup>3</sup> A younger son of the above Willielmus, Alexander Vaus, was possessed of church livings in Galloway as early as the year 1381, and was consecrated Bishop of that diocese, A.D. 1420.<sup>4</sup> He was of the family of Vaus or Vauss of Barnbarroch still extant in the County of Wigtown.

Another son, or perhaps a nephew, settled in Galloway, where he is said to have married an heiress about the year 1384, and obtained the lands of Barnbarroch, which he held under the Douglasses, who were at that time Lords of Galloway, and to whom he was allied; Willielmus (whose son or nephew he is supposed to have been) having married Catherine Douglas. This was Johannes de Vallibus or Vaus, the first of the name at Barnbarroch.

In confirmation of the family records the following may be quoted from an old book, entitled "*Histoire des Malheures de la France sous le Roi Jean*," published at Paris chez Barde 1611. At p. 103, vol. ii., is this passage, "*Dans ce temps la Le Comte de Douglas, et son Frère Archimbald, Seigneur de Galloway, venoient avec 3000 Ecosais au secours du Roi. Ils firent bon service à la bataille de Poitiers (A.D. 1356), ou ils perirent presque tous. Des Hommes de Marque portant Bannière furent tués Andre Stevard, très jeune, mais très brave; Robert Gordone, Chevalier d'une grande famille; Andre Hali-*

<sup>1</sup> Nisbet's Heraldry, 1816, App., p. 248.

<sup>2</sup> Caledonia, vol. ii., p. 410.

<sup>3</sup> Nisbet.

<sup>4</sup> Family Records, and Keith's Catalogue of the Bishops of Scotland.

burtone, Homme de cœur et de Tête; et Andre Vaus de Gallovay, le Frère d'armes du Seigneur Archimbald. Le Comte echappa, mais Archimbald fut pris."

From this John Vaus of 1384 the family has continued in the male line in unbroken descent, and in possession of the same lands of Barnbarroch to the present time. In the fifth generation from him the representative of the family was Patrick Vaus, who, while yet a minor, succeeded to the estate in 1482. He married Margaret, daughter of John, second Lord Kennedy. His son John succeeded him in 1528, and married the daughter of Sir Simon M'Culloch of Myretoun, whose wife was a Gordon of Lochinvar. They had two sons, Alexander, who left an only daughter and Patrick, whose life, as can be learned from his papers, now first printed in a collected form, was an active and busy one. It has not been possible to fix exactly the date of his birth, or of the marriage of his parents, but his father was killed at the battle of Pinkie in 1547, and he had been writing letters to him from school, so that he must have been in his teens before that date. He was appointed Parson of Wigtown, on the resignation of that benefice in his favour by Sir John Vaus, chaplain, on 15th August 1545. On the 10th February 1546-7, Patricius Vaus, Rector of Wigtown, appointed procurators to act for him, and in 1549 he obtained leave to go to Paris to study. His passport describes him as Parson of Wigtown, which supports the inference that he was travelling independently, so it seems probable that he was born about the year 1530. Being a younger son he was intended for the Church, in which other younger sons of his family in previous generations had held considerable preferment. He was sent to a school at Musselburgh, at which a brother and a foster brother of his father were at the same time. In one of his schoolboy letters, giving an account of how his money had been spent (p. 3), we find between the entries for a New Testament and "ane sam buck" (psalm book), and those for a Cæsar and a

Sallust, the entry "item mair 28s. for ane silva." This was the name which the celebrated George Buchanan gave to the satirical treatise he wrote against the Franciscans at the desire of King James V. The enmity it raised against him in Cardinal Beaton and the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church was so great, that he had to leave Scotland, and did not return till 1560, after an absence (as he himself has told us) of twenty-four years. The *Silva*, therefore, was probably written in or about 1536, and it shows considerable latitude in the education of this young man, intended for the priesthood, that he was allowed to have a copy of the New Testament, and to read Buchanan's *Silva*. We find also that, besides the ordinary teaching of the school, he learned music, and he writes for money to buy bows and arrows, as a modern schoolboy would for cricket bats or rackets.

Two years after his father's death he went to Paris to continue his studies; his licence to go, dated 3d July 1549, is from James Gubernator (the Regent Arran), and calls him "our lovite clerk Patrick Vauss." In 1550 he seems to have acquired the Parsonage of Douglas on its resignation in his favour by Mr Walter Kennedy. For the next four years we have no trace of him, but in 1554 he had a grant of the marriage of the three daughters of "umquhile John Waus of Lochslyn," and in 1556 he obtained a gift of £100 yearly, both of these from the Dowager Queen Mary.

We find him again, or still, in Paris in March and June 1558, and he was probably still there when he was written to on 7th October or November of that year by his cousin Gilbert, third Earl of Cassillis, who had been sent from Scotland to be present at the Queen's marriage, and who died at Dieppe on 28th November, it is said, not without suspicion, of poison. But in this letter, written a few weeks before his death, the Earl says he is suffering from fever, and growing very weak.

In a French passport, dated 27th February 1558-9, he is



styled Parson of Wigtown and First Almoner to the Queen. In June of that year (1559) he received an acknowledgment from Gilbert, fourth Earl of Cassillis, that he had advanced £200 to him and his father, and on the 23d March following he obtained from the King and Queen (Franciscus and Maria) a grant of a pension of £100 a year from the Abbey of Glenluce.

After this he went to Rome, and there, on his petition to the Pope, his taking holy orders for the space of five years was dispensed with, that he might apply himself to study; during which time he was not to be promoted from sub-diaconate, and was not to be compelled by authority of any ordinary, and in the meantime his rectory of Wigtown was not to be accounted as vacant. There is evidence that he left Rome on the 12th May 1560, and he was then styled the Right Venerable by a clerical correspondent.

He passed through Paris and returned to Scotland. In the following month Mary of Guise, the Queen Regent, who had been unsuccessfully struggling against the Reformation in Scotland, died, and in August the Assembly of Estates abolished the jurisdiction of the Pope, proscribed the celebration of Mass under pain of death, and approved of a Confession of Faith similar to what had been established in England by King Edward VI.

At this time the religious opinions of the Parson of Wigtown underwent a great change, for though closely allied to many of the old Catholic families, who still adhered to their old Faith, he left the Church of Rome, accepted the Reformation, and in December of that year contracted a marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvan Mains by Lady Janet Stewart, daughter of the second Earl of Athole. In passing it may be noted that this lady was four times married—first, to Alexander, Master of Sutherland; secondly, to Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvan Mains; thirdly, to Henry, Lord Methven; and, fourthly, to Patrick, Lord Ruthven. She had children to all four

husbands, and this accounts for Sir Patrick Waus being addressed as brother by the wife of the Master of Ochiltree (who was a daughter of Lord Methven) and her husband, and by William, fourth Lord Ruthven, afterwards Earl of Gowrie, who was Sir Patrick's mother-in-law's stepson, and this shows the value put in those times on the ties of affinity.

We next find him purchasing the lands of Artfield from his kinsman Lord Cassillis in 1562, and then he is designated as of Cascrew, which was his residence until, by his elder brother's death in 1568 without male heirs, he succeeded to the estate of Barnbarroch. This elder brother had been twice married—first, to Lady Janet, daughter of Gilbert, second Earl of Cassillis, and widow of the Laird of Freugh, who died on the 8th June 1556, and by whom he left an only daughter Helen, born in 1577; and secondly, in 1566, to Euphemia, daughter of Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum. This Helen, after the death of her father, to whose personal property she was heir, was living with her uncle at his house of Cascrew, which, with a considerable district of adjoining land, he rented from the Earl of Cassillis. The gift of her marriage had been granted by the Regent in the King's name to Sir John Bellenden of Auchnoull, the Justice-Clerk, and this was probably a family arrangement, because he, having married another daughter of Sir Hew Kennedy, was brother-in-law to her uncle and guardian. Still, on 7th September 1568, when she was only eleven years of age, Sir John formally and in legal form desired her to marry one of four eldest sons of gentlemen in the county, her equals in "leving and bluyd." "The quhilk personis the said Helene refusit to tak ony of thaym in mariage." Upon which Sir John's agent protested and claimed in his name the double and triple of her marriage. It was no wonder that the poor child refused to be so much married, for before this time, viz., on the 31st July 1568, in the absence of her uncle and protector, his house of Cascrew had been attacked and stormed by Sir Archibald

M'Kie of Myretoun, and others of his family and servants; Helen was forcibly carried off and married to Sir Archibald's son Alexander, for which the whole parties were denounced as rebels and put to the horn. It is, however, satisfactory to find from the correspondence that she seems to have been well used by her husband, who made his apologies to her uncle, and that all was amicably settled. She received her fortune in due time, and her husband writes to her uncle as his father, which seems to indicate that there was a complete reconciliation. She was still living in 1597, but is named in 1601 as having died before that date. The M'Kies, however, must have been a turbulent family, for they were all put to the horn for deforcing an officer in 1576.

After Sir Patrick's return to Scotland in 1560, the management of the estates of the Earl of Cassillis, who was then all powerful in the west country, seems to have been in his hands. There is extant an account of his intromissions with the Cassillis revenues, dated in 1566, and there is also among his papers a "Rent roll of the Baillerie of Carrick." It will be seen, too, in the correspondence (p. 60) that when the Earl was compromised and forfeited for the part he had taken at the battle of Langside, it was to the Laird of Barnbarroch that Lord Glamis wrote in the interest of the family and friends. After the death of his brother-in-law, the fourth Earl, in December 1576, he seems to have continued to advise the tutors of Cassillis; and on 12th July 1584, the King specially gave him the charge of the young Earl, then about sixteen years old, desiring him to retain him in his custody, and not to allow him "to depart furth of the same" to any person whatever (p. 294). The widow of the late Earl had married John, Lord Hamilton, who at this date was attainted and banished, and this probably accounts for the wish of the King (or rather of his advisers, for he was barely eighteen) to keep within reach the head of so powerful a family.

Soon after Mr Patrick Waus' succession to Barnbarroch, viz.,

in February and March 1569-70, he was applied to by the leaders both of the infant King's and of the Queen's party, which were really (with a liberal allowance for personal feelings and ambitions) the Protestant and Catholic parties, to attend meetings of the nobility to consult on the affairs of the nation, and from this time he seems to have taken an active part in public life. His first wife died in 1572, leaving several daughters, but no son, and in the following year he married Dame Catherine, daughter of Gilbert, third Earl of Cassillis, by Margaret, daughter of Kennedy of Bargany. Some of this lady's letters have been preserved, and show much aptitude for business. On the 18th January 1575-6, "Our weilbelouit Maister Patrik Wauss of Barnbarroch, persoun of Wigtoun" was nominated by the Regent (Morton) to be one of the Senators of the College of Justice (*i.e.*, a judge), as an ecclesiastical person, and he passed Advocate on the same day. In 1582 or 1583 he received the honour of knighthood, but his letters were much more frequently addressed to him as Laird of Barnbarroch than as Sir Patrick Waus.

In the year 1586 Ambassadors from Denmark had been at the Court of Scotland to treat about the marriage of James VI., then aged twenty, to one of the daughters of the King of Denmark, and about the Danish claim to Orkney. Early in the following year it was decided to send an Embassy to Denmark, and Sir Patrick Waus, who had been admitted as a member of the Privy Council on 21st April, and Mr Peter Young of Seton, the King's ex-preceptor, were chosen for this duty. A embargo was immediately laid on all ships in the ports in the kingdom till the Ambassadors had selected one; this they soon did, and the amount paid for freight (the receipt for which is extant) was £1000 Scots. Before sailing the Ambassadors and their suite received directions as to the mourning they were to wear for the unfortunate Queen Mary, whose execution had taken place in the previous month of February. At last, after



much delay, they set sail on 31st May 1587, as we are informed in a journal kept by Sir Patrick of his voyage and reception at the Danish Court.

In the following month an order was sent after them to send home to Scotland any ships they might find in foreign ports freighted with victual (*i.e.*, corn) on account of the prevailing dearth, and to take note of the masters and owners of all such vessels, that they might be punished on their return in case they should disobey.

The Ambassadors were again in Scotland before the 18th August 1587, and on 11th October, on their reporting their proceedings to the Council, the King with the advice of his Council declared that they had "trewlie, honnestlie, and diligentlie performed and dischargit the charge and devoir committit to their credite," and he "exonerit thame thairof." And acts of bounty to both in recognition of their services were passed by the Parliament at the same time.

Besides these, on the 28th April in this year, the King had given to Sir Patrick's eldest son (afterwards Sir John Waus) the gift of his own marriage as part payment of his father's expenses in going to Denmark, and had also appointed him Commendator of the Abbey of Crossraguel for his life. It seems to have been intended that Sir Patrick should have returned to Denmark in the following year, for in April the Chancellor Maitland wrote to him "to travell be quhat means ye can best for the provisioun of sylver," and to deal for a ship, and make his other necessary preparations; and on 19th June Mr Peter Young, his colleague of the previous year, wrote to him expressing his fear that "the sylver was ordanit for the jorney has been imployit to serve the maist haist." However, "Crownier Stewart" was sent later in the year, and in the postscript to a letter, dated 4th October 1588, Mr John Russell, who afterwards took a leading part in the reception of the King and Queen, writes "as for newis the crownar (*i.e.*, Coronel Stewart) is passed to Denmark in commissioun."



The King's marriage with the Princess Anne was now arranged, and in the following summer (1589) an Embassy, headed by the Earl Marischal, was sent to Denmark; the marriage was solemnised by proxy, and the young Queen was expected to arrive escorted by the Danish fleet about the end of August. On the 30th of that month the King summoned his Court and Council to attend him at Holyrood House, because the Queen was hourly expected, and he made elaborate preparations for her reception. It happened, however, that her fleet suffered so much in a gale that it was considered unsafe for her to make the voyage that year, and she was stormstaid at Upslo in Norway.

The King upon this ordered Sir Patrick, amongst others, to attend him "with all diligence, all excuses set apart, the occasioun ye sall knaw at your cuming," and he took him with him in his romantic voyage to claim his bride in Norway in the following month. The King's marriage took place at Upslo on the 23d November 1589, and Sir Patrick returned to Scotland in December, and he was named as one of those who were to receive and entertain a part of the Queen's Danish suite in Lady Gowrie's house, when they accompanied their Majesties to Scotland in May 1590; and his share of a common contribution of certain noblemen and barons to meet the expense (which seems to have been voluntary) was £200.

On the 12th October 1591, he got himself served heir to George Waus, Bishop of Whithorn, his gudsire's brother, who died in 1570. This gudsire succeeded in 1482, therefore at that date his father, and the bishop's, was dead, and this bishop George must have lived for nearly ninety years. He was Prior of Whithorn, and may have been a bishop *in partibus infidelium*, but the Priory of Whithorn was included in the Diocese of Galloway, and he was not bishop of that see.

The name of Sir Patrick Waus is the first which appears in the records of Parliament as having represented his native

country, viz., in 1593 and 1594, and he was then appointed to serve on a commission about the coinage, and on another about ministers' stipends.

He died in 1597, leaving a will, which concludes his personal history. In that he names three sons, who survived him, and states that he had four daughters unprovided for (*i.e.*, by marriage). As there are still existing the marriage-contracts of six of his daughters, and a receipt for tocher for another, it follows that he had eleven of them. He ordained his "said dochtyrris to mare" (marry), but not without the consent of their mother, their eldest brother, and their uncle the Laird of Culzeane, who were his executors.

Having thus given a brief account of the life and career of Sir Patrick Waus, I venture to add a few remarks on the letters themselves, and the state of society in Scotland at the time when they were written, as illustrated by them.

After some doubts I have thought it better to give the collection entire than to print extracts from it; I have not suppressed a single passage, and although in that age the language used was somewhat coarse according to modern ideas, I am able to say to the credit of Scottish society of the period that I have not had occasion to alter or omit one word from beginning to end. I am quite alive to the objection that many of the letters are of no intrinsic interest in themselves, but they give glimpses of the objects that occupied the attention of a public man three hundred years ago, and tend to fill up the necessarily imperfect picture of his life and times which such partial records can give us. Besides, irrespective of the subject-matter, they are examples of the form of expression in use, and the epistolary style of the period. It is somewhat startling to find a clerical correspondent beginning a letter with the words "Guid persoun" (p. 21) (Parson), meaning, as we should say, Dear so and so, or literally Dear Rector; or to find that "fiftye sowmes of all kynd of gudes" (p. 519), means fifty head of cattle of various sorts.

In the few cases where the correspondent expresses dissatisfaction, I would ask my readers to remember that there are two sides to every question, and that only one is presented to them. It is to be regretted that so little of Sir Patrick's own writing is extant; nothing but a few letters to his wife, a few drafts of letters, and the fragment of his journal when on his embassy to Denmark, but that is unavoidable in the reproduction of papers sent to him. A considerable number of the letters were not dated, and though in some there is sufficient internal evidence to fix their order in the series, still the position given to many is little more than conjecture. I have, in all cases, retained the spelling and form of the original, merely filling up the contractions, and adding punctuation. There does not seem to have been any standard of spelling at the date these letters were written; even Sir Patrick, who received as good an education as could then be given, and spelt fairly for the times when he was at school, exercised his own discretion in that respect most freely in his later years, spelling the same word differently in the same page, and even in the same line. The greater part of the letters were written by professional scribes, and many seem to have been signed by them. Where they appear to be holograph I have noted it, because as the spelling at that date was to a considerable extent phonetic, it gives an idea of the pronunciation prevalent in the society in which the writers moved. For instance, the name Ruthven, which in Scotland is pronounced as if it were written Riven, is spelt Ryffane at page 408. The use of capital letters in writing was then very limited, with the exception of I and J, which were generally used in any part of a sentence for words having these initial letters, and sometimes even in the middle of a word. L at the beginning of a word is also sometimes used in the same way. I may also remind my readers that the letters *u*, *v*, and *w* are almost interchangeable, and where any one of these letters is used in the old writings, the probability is, that one of the others would be used in modern times.

Besides what is strictly correspondence, some other papers have been given which throw light, either on the life of Sir Patrick Waus, or illustrate the manners and customs of the age; and in drawing attention to these I must ask for the indulgence of those who are versed in the history and antiquities of the time, if what I state is familiar to them.

The insecurity of life and property, consequent on the prevailing lawlessness and want of any sufficient central or paramount authority, is very evident. For mutual protection the landholders were allied together according to families, districts, or other circumstances; the more powerful chiefs being bound to protect their friends in return for service rendered to them; and the country was covered with these small leagues or "bands," which were constantly at feud with each other. At page 16 there is an exemption for the Earl of Cassillis and his whole kin, friends, and servants, from the jurisdiction of the Sheriff of Wigtown. The sheriff, Sir Patrick Agnew of Lochnaw, was the representative of the royal authority, but he being at feud with the Earl of Cassillis and his friends, the Regent says that he and his deputies would not be competent judges in any action concerning them. Land was held on condition of giving military service to the superior; but a tenant could also ally himself to another chief, an example of which will be found (p. 29) in a bond of manrent between Hary Harthorne, who was a kindly tenant of the Priory of Whithorn, and the Laird of Barnbarroch, in which the former binds himself "to ride and gang" with the laird on all his lawful causes and actions, and to serve him, the Queen and the Prior of Whithorn being excepted. And in a bond of kindness (or maintenance) between Barnbarroch and Adair younger of Kinhilt (p. 244), they mutually bind themselves each to supply and defend the other in all actions, causes, and quarrels, within and without the law; they both except the King, and the former also excepts the Earl of Cassillis, to whose house he was allied.

That every man who thought himself strong enough to do so should take the law into his own hands, was the natural consequence of the weakness of the Government. There was a dispute about the possession of the Castle of Cruggleton between Lord Fleming and Lord Robert Stewart, Commendator of Whithorn, and the plea was before the Civil Courts; yet Lord Fleming was besieging the Castle in 1569, and the Regent Moray writes to Barnbarroch (p. 61) to muster all the force he can, and raise the siege and relieve his brother Lord Robert. Some high-handed acts by the Earl of Cassillis are alluded to. He roasted Allan Stewart, Abbot of Crossraguel, nearly to death in 1570, in order to make him sign a lease of all the Abbey lands in his favour; and the Abbot having refused to do this till he was so burned that he was lamed for life, Cassillis expressed his regret, not at having tortured him, but at his having been so obstinate. He was imprisoned for this on the complaint of the Abbot, to whom he was obliged to make compensation, but in a letter on this subject (p. 76) he coolly speaks of it as "the business quhilk is betwixt us." On another occasion he broke into the house of, and imprisoned, one of his own vassals (Corrie of Kelwood) to make him give up a gold coin which he had bought from the person who had found it. It is not surprising that "the Laird of Kelwood grew cummirsum, and spoke proud words, till they that were with him might scarcely suffer him, and it had almost grown till evil among them," as Lady Cassillis, who saw nothing wrong in her son's action, wrote to the Laird of Barnbarroch (p. 115). Lochinvar was another powerful chief, and he, in wrathful haste, summoned all his friends to revenge an injury to a follower (p. 228), and Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig, with other Douglasses and Border men, rescued a number of prisoners, whom the Warden of the West March, then Johnston of that Ilk, had confined in the house of Bonshaw (p. 297). There were standing feuds, in which those who were bound to each other had to



assist each other "in the law and by (against) the law," and this rendered it dangerous for any one to move into an unfriendly district (p. 423), or indeed to move at all, except with an escort or in sufficient numbers. It is a relief to find evidence of attempts to obviate this great inconvenience, and lessen the risk of bloodshed. Kennedy of Bargany, who is much praised by the author of the "Historie of the Kennedys" as a most prudent and wise man, writes a very sensible and judicious letter in July 1576 (p. 125) to prevent a meeting between the Kennedies and Crawfordes when the blood feud between them was at its height; and even the fiery Lochinvar has written letters (pp. 65, 210, 229), with the object of settling quarrels peaceably. Sometimes this was brought about by a conference of the friends of both parties, when it was decided what reparation should be made by either, or often by both; and sometimes by a submission by both to an arbiter. An example of this is given at p. 480, by which two of the local gentry were "bound, obleist, and sworne" to "abide, fulfil, and underly," the decreet arbitral to be pronounced by William M'Culloch of Myrtoun, and they seem to have signed the page on which it was to be written when it was still blank. Following the precedent of the Homage (as it was called) offered by Lords John and Claud Hamilton to the Earl of Angus at Holyrood in 1575, the aggressor was to present his sword by the point to the injured person, and to "crave forgiveness;" but in this case he was in addition to appear without his shoes. The chiefs sometimes negotiated an arrangement to settle feuds between their respective followers, in which they ordered them to accept the compensation agreed upon, and if they refused to do so, "discharged themselves of all further friendship or good will" to them; that is, would no longer sustain or defend them. An agreement of this nature between William Lord Herries and Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar will be found at p. 521.

It was not always that the too common homicides and maim-

ings were left to the wild justice of revenge. On complaint to the Government a day of law or assize was fixed, when the complainer and the accused were ordered to appear. The custom then was that each should summon his friends to accompany him with as many well-armed followers as they could bring. When the Earl of Cassillis, in March 1570, was going to Edinburgh to prosecute those who were suspected, and (he adds) also known to be "guilty of the dishonest slaughter of his special friend and servant Uchtred M'Dowall," he summoned his friends to go with him, and adds, significantly, that he thinks it "meittest that every man have his jack" (p. 69); and, in 1575, during his feud with the Crawfords of Kers, he summons his allies most earnestly, and says, that he believes there is no honest friend that rightly regards his honour and duty who will refuse to keep the day. Two years before this, Ahannay, the Laird of Sorbie, had summoned John Dunbar, a cousin of Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum, to underly the law for the slaughter of Patrick Hannay, he "being then at the King's horn (*i.e.*, outlawed) for the mutilation of the said John." Mochrum finds it necessary to travel to Edinburgh (150 miles), with all the force he can take, and asks his neighbour and kinsman Barnbarroch to accompany him with his servants (p. 85). Even after Sir Patrick Waus was a judge, he received similar requests, notably one in October 1584 from Francis, Earl of Bothwell (p. 307), who had also written one to the Laird of Garlies. The latter writes that it is a request he cannot possibly refuse, and suggests to the judge that they shall ride together, taking it as a matter of course that he will go. As an inducement Bothwell writes to him that he will not spare to hazard his life for him whenever a like occasion shall be offered. The occasion in his case was what he called "the slaughter of umquhile David Home." Both of them, Bothwell and Home, had been bound over under heavy penalties to keep the peace towards each other for a given period, which had expired. This was a common practice, and, at least, gave time for the interference of friends.

It was not only in criminal cases, and by the attendance of numerous and well-armed bodies of friends, that it was usual to attempt to influence the Courts of Law. The number of letters written by suitors in civil cases to ask that justice may be done in their favour, or to see that they or their friends "get na wrang," some from men and women in high position, which have been found in this one judge's papers, prove that it was the rule rather than the exception. Some of these are amusing. Lochinvar characterises an action which has been brought against him as "ungodlie and unreasonable" (p. 412), and a quaint and interesting letter from him in favour of the "fute chapmen" (*i.e.*, foot pedlars) will be found at p. 414. Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig (p. 442) wrote a long *ex parte* statement about a servant or tenant of his, at the end of which he prayed the judge to "hald hand to this poor man's cause when it comes in reasoning, and remember the same (*i.e.*, his version of it), and see that he gets na wrang, but receives justice conform to the equity of his cause."

Lord Argyle (p. 285) writes a peremptory request that in his "acues" (accuse, *i.e.*, charge) he may have justice but (without) delay. Sir John Edmonstone (p. 317), writing to the judge, asks him to "forder him to wprycht justec," and calls the suitor to whom he is opposed a thief and a traitor. Lord John Hamilton and his wife both write in favour of a suit of the Laird of Calderwood (p. 460). The former says, "because he (the Laird of C.) has been at all times so honest unto me, I am as earnest for it as if the action were my own, and yet I desire you to do nothing in that but what agrees with good conscience and honesty, and to decern the heritable right of the lands to pertain to the Laird of Calderwood." There are several letters from Lady Hamilton asking for favour (always according to equity and good conscience) for herself and her friends, but when another lady, the Lady Lochermoss, has raised an action against her and her tenants, she complains of her influencing the judges

by her tears. She says (p. 433) that she (Lady L.) is "sa heavily menit" (*i.e.*, so much pitied or condoled with) "by the Lords for her inopportune crying, that they believe all is true she says."

Several correspondents write, that although the action is in other names, they are interested in the result. One says (p. 328), "the action properly belongs to myself," "the matter is mair to to my hinder than I can write." Another (p. 372) asks the judge to do to the suitor "no otherwise than if the action were my own." Montrose (p. 165) writes, "It is not unknown to your lordship how dear the said action is to me," and asks him to be thankful (*i.e.*, thankworthy) in it, and to request others (presumably his colleagues on the bench) to the same effect. Lord Boyd (p. 177) asks that a certain tack may not be reduced, for if it is "the greatest hurt will be his;" Lord Huntly (p. 458), that he will be the forderer of his cousin's cause "as it were to myself, for so appertains the cause and is pertinent to me in all respects;" Lord Seaton (p. 465), "that ye will be as careful as ye would be for my own action;" Dunbar of Baldoon (p. 468), "that ye will do for me that matter as it were my own;" and Kennedy of Baltersan honestly says, if decreet of removing could be had this session, "it wald be grettumlie my weill." I am afraid it must be admitted that if a suitor at that date had a friend on the bench it was "grettumlie his weill."

The records of the Privy Council at that time are full of instances of people being called on to find caution, or of their being put in ward (*i.e.*, prison) for a time. Hardly any one of note seems to have escaped, and it is a proof of the prudence and wisdom with which the Laird of Barnbarroch must have conducted himself in those troubled years, that there is no record of his having ever been called on either to enter into ward or to find caution. Of the writers of these letters many came to violent deaths. Mary Queen of Scots, the Regent Morton, the Archbishop of St Andrews, the Earl of Gowrie, and the Master

of Orkney died on the scaffold, and William Maitland of Lethington escaped the same fate only by his sudden death, suspected to have been by his own hand. Amongst others, there were murdered the King Consort Darnley, the Regent Moray, his son-in-law the bonny Earl Moray, and Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzean; and killed in frays, Lord Glamis and Alexander Stewart, younger of Garlies, and those hereditary enemies Lord Maxwell and Johnston of that Ilk.

If the men in the sixteenth century in Scotland carried their lives in their hands, the ladies also must have had a hard time of it. To be left widows at an early age, to have their sons killed, to have their houses stormed and burned, and to be turned out to find shelter where they could, were not uncommon occurrences. If they succeeded to any land before marriage the King claimed the gift of their marriage, and this was given away by him to any one he pleased, who could sell it if he liked. The donator, as he was called, had the right of proposing what he considered suitable matches for his ward, and, whether she accepted or refused, he claimed a fine. An illustration of the state of society in this respect will be found (pp. 46-60) in the documents relative to the abduction and marriage of Helen Waus, Sir Patrick's niece, then only eleven years old. It appears that his neighbours in the county were aware of the intention to carry her off, and it is singular that no one seems to have objected on account of the tender age of the bride. Marriages then seem to have taken place at early ages. The bride of James VI. is said to have been only fifteen, and he was twenty-three, and the heirs in the higher families often married during their minorities. Some marriage-contracts are given in this work to show the kind of provision that was made for the young couples on starting in life.

At pages 25, 186, 308, 485, 502, and 515 are the contracts of six of Sir Patrick's daughters, and it is interesting to see how they were provided for by a man of good family, holding high



office, and in possession of a large landed estate. One of them, in March 1592-3, married a Shaw of Sornbeg, a landed proprietor, who secured to her a jointure of 500 merks, or £333, 6s. 8d., and she had a tocher of 2000 merks, or £1333, 6s. 8d. Four of the others were married to the eldest sons and heirs of Galloway Lairds; the eldest of these was betrothed in her infancy, before she was one year old, to the eldest son of Murray of Broughton, the marriage to be solemnised (solempnizat) within twenty-one years and three months afterwards; and it seems that they were in no hurry to complete the "band of matrimony," for they were not married till within one month of the limit of time. This young lady had a tocher of 1500 merks, or £1000, and a jointure of 400 merks. Part of the next contract is missing, and the amount of tocher is not known, but, as in the two following ones, it was 1000 merks, or £666, 13s. 4d., it may be conjectured that it was the same. In the first of these cases the bride is infest in two four merk lands, which, on the usual scale, should have been worth 480 merks a year, and they were warranted to her to be worth sixty bolls of victual and twenty pounds of silver. This was her jointure. The next, who married a younger son, had sixteen bolls of meal and eight bolls of bere (measure of Wigtown), and forty pounds secured to her; and the next had 300 merks. The last, who was married in 1594 to the eldest son and heir of Houstoun of Cotreoch, had a jointure secured to her of half of a five merk land and 100 merks, equal to 250 merks a year; and she and her husband were set up with a mansion-house, stock, etc., and in the occupation of a five merk land, and secured in their succession to a £10 land at his father's death. The value of the jointure of the young lady who married the younger son was only about half as much as that of any of her sisters. In the very carefully drawn contract of marriage between the Laird of Barnbarroch and Dame Catherine Kennedy, daughter of the Earl of Cassillis, he is to infest her in lands amounting in all to twenty-one merk lands, with a good

house, of which the tower, fortalice, and mansion-place, yards (gardens), and orchards are named, and all the furniture, stock, and gear in and upon them was secured to her for life; but he only warrants the lands to be worth 300 merks a year after all deductions.

In four of these contracts it is stipulated that the young couple shall live with their parents, and at their expense for the first years of their wedded lives. In one case, the bride's father is to keep the couple in his house with two servants, bairns "gif ony beis" (if there are any), and a nurse for one year, or till he has paid the tocher, and then the husband's father is to receive them in his house; and he is to give them one hundred merks yearly for their "abulzement of clayss" (p. 25). In another it is provided that if the husband's father keeps the pair with their bairns, servants, and horses in meat and drink, he shall retain the profits of part of the land settled on them (p. 186).

In another, the young couple are to have a farm, and they get to stock it 4 ploughing oxen, 60 sheep, 40 lambs, and 70 bolls of oats; they are besides to have 20 bolls of oats and 6 bolls of bere yearly, and the lady's father is to keep them for the first year, and the husband's father for the next two. In the last case, although they had a house and a five merk land with the oxen and seed upon it, the wife's father was to keep them for one year after the marriage, and if they preferred to remain in the country and not go with him to Edinburgh, he was to pay for their board wherever they stayed.

When a man on his marriage wished to secure his wife the possession of her jointure, it was usual for him to resign as much of his land as was necessary into the hands of his feudal superior, and to get a new charter of it granted to himself and to his wife in conjunct fee, and to the survivor, on which infestment duly followed. The arrangement by which the widow of the previous Laird of Barnbarroch was paid her terce will be

found at pages 39-46. We cannot part from the ladies without some notice of dress and housekeeping; and a letter, with an important postscript, from Lady Cassillis to her daughter (p. 192), telling her what stuffs to buy and how her dresses are to be made, is precise in its details. Still her order that some of her garments shall be lined with fur does not give one an idea of warm or comfortable rooms to live in. Several letters from Lady Barnbarroch to servants and others (pp. 346, 379, and 425) give minute instructions on various matters of housekeeping.

In the old times, every baron (owner of a barony) had the right of pit and gallows, that is, of putting to death those whom he found guilty of theft or more serious crime, but at the end of the sixteenth century this privilege was dying out. Barnbarroch, in getting the titles of the Barony of Etoun, seems to have claimed it, but the Laird of Bomby, the seller, writes in 1593 (p. 513), "Receive your charter, and as to include pit and gallows, I cannot, because I am not so infest myself."

Where the tenants had been on the land for several generations, and they and their ancestors had been bound to follow their chief to the field, they were very lightly rented, and were called kindly tenants; their tenure was called kindness, and their farms kindly rooms; and they were very tenacious of them, and resisted any attempt at eviction.

Kindness was thus a sort of tenant right and fixity of tenure following on feudal service and family attachment; but it could be obtained by purchase, and there is here an instance in which the Laird of Barnbarroch bought up the kindness of a farm from the widow of the tenant (p. 98), this being a farm which he himself held under a lease from the Earl of Cassillis (p. 33), and there are other examples of the sale of kindly rooms. In other cases, however, legal proceedings seem to have been commonly taken to recover rent or to evict the tenant for non-payment.

To this day, land in Scotland is described in charters as so

many pound, or merk, or even penny land. A five merk land means the extent of land which was rated at five merks as the King's maills, or land tax, collected by the King's officer. This seems to have been about  $1\frac{2}{3}$  per cent. of the annual value, for we find the Laird of Bargany (p. 471) offering Sir John Seton £40 (*i.e.* sixty merks) for every merk land for the feu of a property he wishes to acquire. As to the prices of produce, if the Galloway boll was then what it is now, viz., 12 bushels, the price of oats was much the same as at present, allowing for the difference in the value of money; that is, in 1577, for horse corn (*i.e.* light oats) 20s. the boll or 1s. 8d. the bushel; and victual or good grain, including barley, 4 merks or 53s. 4d., the boll and 4s. 5d. the bushel (p. 159). In a lease of the crop of that year the price of "ferme corn" was fixed at 30s. the boll or 2s. 6d. the bushel, and of teind meal at 26s. 8d. the boll (p. 162). Again, in 1595, oats with the fodder were valued at 30s. the boll or 2s. 6d. the bushel, and bere at 53s. 4d. the boll or 4s. 5d. the bushel (p. 519). Rent, as has been said, was chiefly paid in kind, for money was very scarce. On good landed security 10 per cent. was the usual interest (pp. 271, 411), and Adair of Kin-hilt offers (p. 436) to pay 1000 merks at Martinmas (11th November) for 900 to be paid to him on 1st August, or 10 per cent. for little more than three months, about 35 per cent. per annum. And in some other instances we find that 2d. per pound per week, which is 43 per cent. per annum, was the usual charge for loans on personal security (p. 463). Any one who had ready money, and lent it judiciously in those times, could soon acquire a fortune at such rates of interest.

We have here also transactions when money was borrowed on the security of plate and jewellery (pp. 91, 149, 157, 195, 261, 348, 463).

A creditor seems to have been able to arrest his debtor in a summary way. Edward Forrester (p. 434) complains that he came in to give the jeweller £20 which he had scraped together,

but "the jeweller has most uncourtously retained me here" (in the Tolbooth) "till I pay the whole sum." When money was so scarce it is interesting to know that the rent the judge paid for his house in Edinburgh for the term preceding Whitsunday 1578 was £15 (p. 179), and for the year ending at Whitsunday 1596 he paid 100 merks (£66, 13s. 4d.) (p. 528) for his house on the north side of the Meal Market. There is not much to be learned as to the literature of the day beyond what may be observed in the holograph letters. Sir J. Stewart of Minto in his gives a picture of a testy, irritable, old gentleman; and he tells the story of the bishop and the beggar (p. 190) very neatly. In the letter from W. Wallace, minister of Failford, describing the entertainment the King and Court are getting in Denmark (p. 447), his expression that the "worme vobbis" grow in their throats, reminds one of Panurge's similar remark about Friar John in the island of Papemanie, and shows that he had read the works of Rabelais. There is a letter announcing the death of the Lord Justice-Clerk, and of invitation to his funeral (p. 476), which is exceedingly well and even elegantly expressed. The signature of a facetious letter (p. 544) has unfortunately been cut off. The only clue to its authorship is that the writer, forgetting the usual commendations at the end, had written "from Kennet," and had drawn his pen through those words, and then proceeded to finish in the usual style. He begins his letter by quoting the old proverb, "Do not make baulks in guid bere land." A baulk is an uncultivated strip between ridges of grain. The application is, "do not leave without cultivation that which will repay it," *i.e.*, "do not neglect my friendship." Further on he speaks of a "heland man taking his cowdeich." A coudach is a heifer, and a coodie is a small tub, but one not used for drinking, and neither of these will make sense, but a cudeigh is a gift or bribe, and in a secondary sense a present in addition to wages, synonymous with bounteth, and that must be what the writer meant. This is quoted as a specimen of the



difficulty which has been experienced in getting at the meaning of obsolete words, spelt in an arbitrary fashion.

No new light is thrown on the history of the times by these letters; we only get glimpses of the personages who made it, and now and then learn some incident about them. In a letter from Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzean (p. 457) he tells of the death of the famous, or infamous, Countess of Arran, who had exercised a powerful influence over the boy king during the time her husband was in power. With his fall in 1585 she had dropped out of history, but here Sir Thomas writes on 21st April 1590 as news, "ye sall wit that James Stewart, last chanceler, is ane wowar (widower), for his wyfe is deid of ane barne, whereof ye sall be assurit."

There is one subject, the entire absence of which it is difficult to understand. In an age when the belief in witchcraft was general, and its detection and punishment occupied the mind of the Church, the King, and the Parliament, when numbers of wretched people were denounced, and tortured, and executed for this supposed crime, it is remarkable that in the whole of this correspondence there is not one single allusion to it.

Before I conclude, I wish here to express my grateful acknowledgment to Mr Thomas Dickson of the Historical Department, General Register House, for valuable assistance, and for references to the archives under his charge, during the progress of the work, and to the Rev. Walter Macleod for help in decyphering the more difficult and technical of the manuscripts.

I have only to add that the facsimiles of signatures are copied from the originals of those in this book, and I now submit the whole collection to the public, trusting that the reproduction of the style of writing in the sixteenth century may not prove an insurmountable difficulty to the general reader, and may be approved of by the lover of antiquity; and that the work may be found to be an interesting addition to the memorials of an eventful period in the history of Scotland.



1  
*Francis Waus*

23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 1559

*Waus*

2  
*Francis Waus*

13<sup>th</sup> SEPT 1565



CORRESPONDENCE OF SIR PATRICK WAUS. — Plate II.

3

MARTER

4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1569.

4

Your verie good friend  
MARTER

30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1571.

5

MARTER

OCT<sup>R</sup> 1559.

6

Jamies Stewart

12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1565.

7

Jamies Legent

23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 1569.

8

Myr Hayen

5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1572.

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CORRESPONDENCE OF SIR PATRICK WAUS. -- Plate III.

9

James Regent

7<sup>TH</sup> JANRY 1575-6

10

James R.

20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1582.

11

James R.

14<sup>TH</sup> OCT<sup>R</sup> 1585

12

James R.

22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRY 1589-90



## CORRESPONDENCE OF SIR PATRICK WAUS.—Plate IV.

13

James H

3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 1549.

14

James Hamilton

20<sup>TH</sup> AUG.

15

Puttlen

16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1574.

16

Gossypē:  
& A

6<sup>TH</sup> AUG. 1582

17

17

Thos C. Lamme

20<sup>TH</sup> AUG. 1568





CORRESPONDENCE OF SIR PATRICK WAUS. — Plate V.

18

Cassillis

7<sup>TH</sup> OCT<sup>R</sup> 1558.

19

Cassillis

28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1559

20

Anna Caffari  
Comedy

9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1587.

21

Thomas tutor of Cassillis

1584.

22

Cnzearne

7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1589.



CORRESPONDENCE OF SIR PATRICK WAUS. — Plate VI.

23

*Edmund*

27<sup>TH</sup> OCT<sup>R</sup> 1569.

24

*Edmund*

24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1588

25

*Edmund*

17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1586-7

26

*Edmund*

26<sup>TH</sup> OCT<sup>R</sup> 1584.



CORRESPONDENCE OF SIR PATRICK WAUS. — Plate VII.

27

W. A. Wall Arbrotto  
 J. Anderson  
 J. Fleming  
 7<sup>TH</sup> FEB<sup>RY</sup> 1569.

28

Amoskey  
 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1580.

29

Agyle

13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1584

30

C. m. m. m. m.

10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT<sup>R</sup> 1591

31

Colm. m. m. m.

22<sup>ND</sup> FEB<sup>RY</sup> 1569-70.

32

Wall

25<sup>TH</sup> JAN<sup>RY</sup> 1576-7





53

James Barker

10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT<sup>R</sup> 1558.

34

34  
*be 288 p 8m jollaud & f*  
*nig b Rost*

15<sup>TH</sup> OCT<sup>R</sup> 1572

15<sup>TH</sup> OCT<sup>R</sup> 1572.

35

Antwort zu D<sup>r</sup>.-Fragen

9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.

37

Bazgang

23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 1580.

36

Orkney

3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 1581-2

38

Murray

11<sup>TH</sup> DEC<sup>R</sup> 1586

39

39  
James Stewart  
3RD MARCH 1581-2.

3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 1581-2.

40

~~Manly~~

12TH JULY 1584









CORRESPONDENCE OF SIR PATRICK WAUS. — Plate X

48

*James Bell*

26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1575.

49

*James*

15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1586-6

50

*James*

1594.

51

*James*

13<sup>TH</sup> AUG. 1574.

52

*James*

8<sup>TH</sup> JANRY 1589

53

*James*

3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 1590

55

*Robert*

54

*James*

3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 1590.

10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1584.

56

*James*

5<sup>TH</sup> JANRY 1590-1.



57

*D. Young*

18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1586-7.

58

*Henry*

13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1587

59

*Andro qundeb*

29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1588.

60

*James Amm*

6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1589.

61

*Demm Langley*

1<sup>ST</sup> JANRY 1589-90

62

*Robert Ayll*

13<sup>TH</sup> MAY.









# CORRESPONDENCE

OF

## SIR PATRICK WAUS.

1540-1597.

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THE four first letters of this collection are by Patrick Waus while at school at Musselburgh. They are not dated, but were probably written between 1540 and 1547, the date of the battle of Pinkie, in which his father, Mr John Waus of Barnbarroch, was killed. Patrick was being educated for the Church, and he was appointed Rector of Wigtown on the resignation of Sir John Waus, a relative, during his father's lifetime, on 15th August 1545, and on 10th February 1545-6 he, as such Rector, appointed Procurators to act for him. This is followed by a Licence, granted him by the Regent Arran on 3d July 1549, to go to Paris to study, and to remain there for three years. These documents complete all that is known of his education. In Paris he seems to have been taken into the service of the young Queen of Scotland, for in the gift of the marriage of the three daughters of John Waus of Lochslyn (31st December 1554), he is called "oure louitt seruitour," as he is also in the grant of a pension of £100 in October 1556. That he was still in Paris in 1558, and taking a part in the clerical affairs of Scotland, is shown by the letter of James Thornton from Rome, dated 18th September 1558; and when his cousin Gilbert, third Earl of Cassillis, died at Dieppe at the end of November, he seems to have taken some charge of his property, and to have been in France till the end of that year. He probably left France soon after the 27th February 1558-9, the date of a French passport

to him (in which he is styled first Almoner to the Queen Dauphine of Scotland), and returned to Scotland, most likely to assist his kinsman, the Earl of Cassillis, in the management of his property. Soon afterwards, on 23d March 1559, he obtained a grant of a pension of £100 out of the fruits of the Abbey of Glenluce, in the heart of the country in which at that time the Cassillis interest was paramount.

Letter from PATRICK WAUS from School to his Mother,  
3d January. [Holograph.]

Most louing mother, efter my hairtlie commendaciounis, ye sall vit that I am in good helth, praissit be god, vissing this sam to yow, and all youris. Ye sall vit that I am verie skant of linine cloth of sarkis and aurlairis.<sup>1</sup> I haiue vrytin verie oft to yow about them, and ye haiue never send me ane anser. I pray yow vat<sup>2</sup> ye vaild send me sum mo schankis, for them that I haiue vill be schone doine.

I mervell that ye send vs not out the ssingill suollit schone, quhilk ye promissit to send them out till vs. nocht ellis, bot commitis you to god. and my most hairtlie commendaciounis to your self, and to my sisteris the thrid day of Januar.—Your louing sonne,

patrick Vaus.

To my louing mother this  
Be derecit.

Letter by PATRICK WAUS written from School. [Holograph.]

The count of the silver quhilk I haiue receauit from Jhamis Challmiris.

Item mair reseuit from Jhamis challmiris xxiiij<sup>s</sup> for till bay ane ovid. Item mair iiij pundis for till giue for iiij pair of schoune, quhilk I gait or ever Vattie Scot furnishit me at your avine command. Item mair receiuet xxx<sup>s</sup> for till bay ane boue,<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Neckcloths.

<sup>2</sup> That.

<sup>3</sup> Bow.

the quhilk boue the tuteris sune brack hir bifoir yor mother or ever I cam out of the toune, and Jhamis challmiris gaiue for ane vther xxx<sup>s</sup>, and for vi arouis everi arow iiij<sup>s</sup>. Item mair receiuit xxxx<sup>s</sup> for till bay ane hait and ane string. Item mair iij pundis for till bay thrie pair of bleue hois, quhilk I haid nene quhill I gait them. Item receuit from Jhamis challmiris viii pundis for till giue for the buckis, quhilk I and robert gait quhen ve var in edembruch; the quhilk buckis mundork<sup>1</sup> vas chasoune<sup>2</sup> for them. Item mair receuit from Jhamis challmiris xxiiij<sup>s</sup> for till giue him that liris<sup>3</sup> me musik. Item mar receaiuid xxxii<sup>s</sup> for ane neu testament and ane sam buck. Item mair receuit xxviii<sup>s</sup> for ane silva. Item mair receuid xviii<sup>s</sup> for the commenteris of ceser. Item mair for ane salust xii<sup>s</sup>. Item mair for ane half dusane of arouis to me and sandiris xx<sup>s</sup>.

The soum xxix pundis.

Louing father, efter my heairtlie commendaciounis Ye sall vit that I am in gud helth, praissit be god, vissing this sam to yow and all youris. Ye sall vit that I haue receuit your letter, and I am verie sorifull that ye haue bine haldin in sick a stet, and ye sall vit that I haue receuit xxx<sup>s</sup> from the birer. father, I requist yow for crystis<sup>4</sup> schaik till haue pitie vpon your pour brother villam, quhilk is now beth modderles and fatherles, and giue ye tack a chair<sup>5</sup> of him, and bring him vill up, he vill be a scoller; and is<sup>6</sup> till his cloths, he hes verie girt mister<sup>7</sup> beath of sarkis and vther cloths, vith sum aurlairis<sup>8</sup> and nepkinis, and ye man send him silver for till bay buckis. And as for the gud man, the tuter is in auchten him mair nor ain hunder pundis, quhilk he promist till haue send him in ane hundrith markis a foir pais,<sup>9</sup> quhilk now he vill be in auchten him ane hunder pundis, quhilk now he luckit for at vitsunday, quhilk hes doune the gudman angir, and now the gudman requistit me to gar yow send it out vith our hunder pundis, quhilk they ar beth aughtand; and the gudman luckit for mair nor this, bot he

<sup>1</sup> The laird of Mundork.

<sup>2</sup> Caution (*i.e.* security).

<sup>3</sup> Learns (*i.e.* teaches).

<sup>4</sup> Christ's sake.

<sup>5</sup> Care.

<sup>6</sup> As.

<sup>7</sup> Great need.

<sup>8</sup> Ourlay, a cravat.

<sup>9</sup> Easter.

prais yow send out his tua hunder pundis, for hest girt mister of it, for all thingis is verie dire.<sup>1</sup> ye sall vit ve get yeirlic for villie sum vovy,<sup>2</sup> quhilk he luckis that ye vill send out with the silver. And he prais yow send out the silver vithin aucht or ten dayis, and resarvis all the leiuie<sup>3</sup> till your mittine<sup>4</sup> and his. Ye sall vit I am verie scant of arouis, and ye man send me sum silver for till bay them.

I pray yow remember vpon the gudmanis turnis, and I pray yow send the maister his quairter pement,<sup>5</sup> and the docteris, and him that liris me to sing musick.

Nocht ellis, bot commitis yow to god. from Mussilbruch the  
xvi day of June.—Your sounne, patrick vaus.

Dorso: To my louuid father the laird of barnbarroch this be dereckit.

Part of a Holograph Letter signed ALEXANDER WAUS<sup>6</sup> to his  
Brother, written from School at Musselburgh, 16th June.  
Below the signature—

Louing brother remember on your brother william m'clellane the butler's sonne, for his cais is to be remembrit, and for christs saik remember upon him, and gar send him sum sarkis; seing he is ane gud scholler, forget him not.

To my louing brother  
this to be derecit.

Letter by PATRICK WAUS from School at Musselburgh to his  
Father, 7th December. [Holograph.]

Richt loving father, Ye sall vnderstand that I have receivid  
your letteris this vii vodnisday, being the vii of December,

<sup>1</sup> Dear,

<sup>2</sup> Meaning not known.

<sup>3</sup> The lave (*i.e.* the rest).

#### 4 Meeting.

<sup>5</sup> Payment.

<sup>6</sup> This Alexander must have been a younger brother of John Waus, Sir Patrick's father, who was killed at Pinkie 1547, and he must have been at school with Sir Patrick, as both were with William M'Clellan, who seems to have been John Waus's foster-brother.



diret vpon the xxix day of november, quhairin ye virt<sup>1</sup> to me inquiring quhat garis that the guid man virt not to yow the conditiouns of my burding. Ye sall knowe that virt to yow vith your avin man tamsonne that he vald vryt na anser, for he said that he kenis ne conditioune bot as vtheris ar. thair is thrie lib auing the gud man for schoune and bukis now; lykvys they say they vill not send nae conditioune quhill they meitt with your self. the mester and the doctoris is satisfied for the half yeir that is bypast, for ye geaiue<sup>2</sup> James foster sax pundis to giue the maister, and xxiiij<sup>3</sup> to giue the docter, quhilk vas satisfiounne for the speis<sup>3</sup> of the half yeir bypest. Do as ye think mit<sup>4</sup> for the tyme cumming; quhether ye think mites<sup>5</sup> to send it out vith the first at<sup>6</sup> cummis, or satisfiye the maister at your out cumming. my half yeir is rune out in this hous that I am in. Do as your wisdome thinkis gud. Caus my mother send me sum linning auirleris, and sum nepkingis. nocht ellis, bot committis yow to god—from mussilbruch the vij day of december.—J Youris louing sune, patrik vaus.

[What follows is written in a different hand.]

I haue resavit xxxx<sup>8</sup> fra your man.

The young man James forrester that is in the house with ws hes bene schowand him that your letter neidis no anser but ewin as ye heaue done befoir do not as your awin discreioun thinkis guid.

The maister wald heaue wrytin bot it neidit not to fasche yow father.

To my louing father  
the laird of barnbaroch direck.

Letter from PATRICK WAUS to his Father, written from School  
at Musselburgh, 5th February. [Holograph.]

Most louing father, my deutie allvayis being rememberit,  
with my mest hertlie commendatiounis to yourself, my mother,

<sup>1</sup> Writ.

<sup>2</sup> Gave.

<sup>3</sup> Space.

<sup>4</sup> Meet.

<sup>5</sup> Meetest.

<sup>6</sup> That.

and sisteris, the lord giue vs ane ioyfull mitting, Ye sall vit the gud man hes resevid the forti pundis, qhair vith he is content, bot yit thair laikis bot the<sup>1</sup> of oue<sup>2</sup> for the buntha,<sup>3</sup> quhilk ye man not forget to be vnpeyit; it is all ane quhether ye sen siluer for it, or the oue. I haue givine the maister sax pundis, with four pundis to my self, bot they vantis to the docter xxiiij<sup>s</sup> for the rest of the half yeir that is to cum; With four pundis to giue James foster, quhilk ye promist him, vith sum silver to by bouis and arous; With thri pundis to the gud man, that is aving him, quhilk I boruit to by schoune and vther thingis; also four pundis quhilk aboruit send syne, quhair with I bocht schune send syne, nocht ellis, bot I am haill and fre; committing yow to god.—Youris sonne, patrik vaus.

Muscilbruche the fift  
day of feburvart.

*Post scriptum.*—forget nocht the servandis quhen ye send out the rest of the thingis aboue vrytine.

This be delayverid to my louing father the laird of barnbar-roche.

Appointment of Procurators by PATRICK WAUS, Parson of  
Wigtown, 10th February 1546-7.

Uniuersis pateat per presentes me patricium Vaus Rectorem de Vigtoun fecisse, constituisse, et ordinasse, necnon per presentes facere, constituere, et ordinare, venerabiles et circumspectes viros, Magistrum patricium m'culloch, Dominum Robertum logane, et Dominum gulielmum vaus, meos veros legitimos et Indubitabiles procuratores, actores, factores, ac quorumquunque negotiorum meorum gestores, ac mandatores, speciales et generales, dando et concedendo dictis meis procuratoribus coniunctim et diuisim meam plenariam potestatem et mandationem specialem ad comparandum et rumpendum pro me et nomine meo coram Reverendo in cristo patre et Domino

<sup>1</sup> A word seems to be missing.

<sup>2</sup> Wool.

<sup>3</sup> Bunta, so for bounteth, an addition to wages.

nostro, Andrea, misser diua<sup>1</sup> candide casæ episcopo, ejus ve commiseriis pluribus aut vno, in sua sancta synodo proxime celebranda in ecclesia sua cathedrali infra ciuitatem candide casæ, et Juxta laudabiles et consuetas obedientes prestantis ordinarii statuta edita sue, que fuerint providenda Audienda et vocanda in audiendum, statuendum, dandum, ac ordinandum, alia et singula facienda, gerenda, et exercenda, que egomet facere potuerim si presens personaliter Fuissem, ratim et gradatim habendum et habitandum totum, et cuiusdem actum factum ve fuerit, per dictos meos procuratores, seu eorum aliquos Insolidum substitutos Ab uno duxerant faciendum in premissis. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum magnum Johannis vaus, nuper rectoris de vigtoun, per me procuratum, presentibus est affixum. Apud vigtoun, die decimo febuarii, Anno xlii, sub mea subscriptione manuali coram his testibus, patricio vauss, mite Fergusson, Jone cultoun, cum diuersis aliis.

Patricus Vauss,  
rector de Wigtoun manu propria.

Licence by the REGENT ARRAN to PATRICK WAUS, Parson of Wigtown, to go to Paris to study, and to remain for three years, 3d July 1549.

Gubernator.

We, as tutoure to oure souerane lady, and gouernour of hir realme, haue gevin and grantit, And be the tenour heiroyf gevis and grantis, oure speciale license To oure louit clerk, Patrik Vauss, persoun of Wigtoun, to pas to pariss in france, or ony uther part of france, to leir, and study in gude artes and sciences, and to that effect thair to remane be the space of thrie yeris nixt efter his departing furth of this realme. And we will, and grantis, that the said patrik sall nocht be callit, nor accusit, thairfore, nor Incur ony skaith, or danger, thairthrow in his persoun, benefices, and frutis thairof, lands, and gudis, in ony wiss in tyme cumming. Notwithstanding

<sup>1</sup> Misericordiā divinā.

ony acts of parliament, lettres, chaarges, staintis, or proclamacionis in the contrar, or ony panis contenit thairintill. Anent the quhilks we dispens be thir presentis with the said patrik during the space foyrsaid; Quhairfore we dischaige all and sundrie oure souerane ladeis Justices, Jugis, and ministeris of hir lawis, of all calling, persewing, vnlawing, poynding, Journaying, attesting, arresting, following, or Intrometting with, the said patrik his benefice, and frutis thairof, landis, and guds, in ony wiss in tyme cumming, for his remaning within the said realme of france be the space foirsaid, to the effect abonewrittin, and of thair office in that parte be thir presents. Subscriuit with our hand At Edinburgh, the thrid day of July, the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>e</sup> fourty nyne yeirs.

James g.

Gift by QUEEN MARY of the Marriage of the three Daughters of the late JOHN WAUS of Lochslyn to Mr PATRICK WAUS, 31st December 1554.

Marie, be the grace of god Quene of Scottis, To all and sindrie oure liegis and subdittis quhame It efferis, quhais knowlege thir oure letters sall cum, greting. Witt ye we to haue gevane and grantit, and be thir oure letters gevis and grantis, To oure louitt seruitour Maister patrick Wauss persoun of wig-toun, his airis and assignais, ane or ma, The mariage of katherine waus, margaret waus, and agnes waus, dochteris to vmquhile Johnne waus of lochslyn, And failyeing of thame vnmareit, the mariage of ony vther air or airis male or female of the said vmquhile Johnne, that salhappin to his landis and heritage of lochslyn and newton, with the pertinentis liand in oure erldome of ross, within our serrefdome of Inuernes; be resoun he held the samen landis with thair pertinentis immediatlief of ws, and oure predecessouris, be seruise of warde and releif, with the mariage, quhen It salhappin. To be haldin and to be hade, the said mariage and profitis thairof, To the said maister patrik, his airis, and assignais, with all and sindrie commoditeis, fredomes, profitis, and richtius pertinentis quhat-

sumeir, pertening, or richtiuslie may pertene, thairto ; With power To the said maister patrik, his airis, and assignais, To dispone vpoun the said mariage and all profitis thair of, att thair awin plesouris, as thai sall think maist expedient in tyme cuming, with all and sindrie fredomes and commoditeis, frelie, quietlie, wele, and in peace, But ony renocatioun, or agane calling quhatsumeir. Quhairfore we charge straitlie, and commandis yow all and sindrie our liegis and subdittis foirsaidis, That nane of yow tak vpoun hand To mak ony impediment, lett, or distrubance to the said maister patrik, his airis, and assignais foirsaidis, In the peceabill brouking, joysing, uptaking, Intromitting, and disposing vpoun the said mariage, and profitis thair of Efter the tennour of thir our letters, vnder all pane and charge, that eftir may follow. Gevin vnder our priue sele At Edinburgh, the last day of December, The Yeir of god i<sup>m</sup> 5<sup>c</sup> fiftie four, and of our Rignne the threttene yeir.

Per signaturam manu charissime matris nostre marie regine

Dwarie regni nostri ac Regentis eiusdem Subscriptum.

Endorsed by Sir P. Waus

Ane gift of lochslinis dochteris marriage.

[There was near relationship between the Waus of Barnbarroch and those of Lochslyn, and this is borne out by a deed of settlement by Barnbarroch in which after the heirs of his body he names Waus of Lochslyn.]

Grant of Pension of £100 to Mr PATRICK WAUS, October 1556.

Regina.

We Marie, quene dowreir, and regent of Scotland, ffor the gud trew and thankfull seruice done and to be done to me be our Louit seruitour Maister patrik waus, persoun of Wigtoun, Thairfoir, and for vtheris ressonabill caussis and motiuis moving us to haue gevin and grantit, and be thir presentis gevis and grantis, to our said seruitour ane yeirlye feall of ane hundyrreth pvn dis money yeirlye, to be vptakin of our deirest dochteris theser quhatsumeuer at twa vsuale termes in the yeir, Witsoun-



day and Mertymes in winter, be equale portionis. Chargeing heirfoir the thesaurar present and to cum to redelie intend, anser, and obey to the said maister patrik of the said yeirlie feall grantit to him in maner foirsayd during our will, begynning the first termes payment at the feist of mertymes nixtocum, and sua furth yeirlie, and termelie, in tyme cuming during the said space, quhilk salbe thankfullie allowit to thame yeirlie in thair comptis; inserting thir [our letteris in] thair bukis; and presenting our said seruitouris dischargeis thairupoun. Be thir presentis [subscriuit] with our hand [and gevin] wnder our signitt At Abyrdeen [the day of] october 1556.<sup>1</sup>

Marie R.

gilbertus thesaurer.

Letter from JAMES THORNTON, at Rome, to the Reverend Mr PATRICK WAUS, Parson of Wigtown, 18th September 1558.

Broder, efter maist hartlye commendatioun, Plaiss I haif maid ane toill, considering I haif nocht vrittin to yow thir mony days bygain, bot now to mak ane mendis ye sall onderstand that I haif resauit all your vritings, datit at Paris the xxx off Marche, the sevend off June, and xv off the said June, in the quhilkis ye onlye requoyr me for ane dispense for yow, and v udirs, to eit flesche on your awin expensis. So I send yow instantlye the said faculte, quhilk standis to thre crownis; gyff ye intend to bring the samyn to Rome, I promit to drynk thaim all vyth yow, and x vdirs apon thair bak. Thairfor advertis me gyff ye be deliberat to cowm in thir pairtis.

As to the maiter off Brechin, the expeditioun thairoff will nocht be grantit to my lord off Cupyr, but gyff he dimitte the monaster, reserwan onlye half fruittis thairoff induring hys days; by this the pensions can nocht be gettin seurlie assignat to Alex<sup>r</sup>. halyburtoun and Daid Murray, becaus thai exceid the thrid pairt off the fruittis of the bishoprik. So apoun the premisses I haiff vrettin in Julii last to the quenis grace, and my

<sup>1</sup> On back: "This is Registratt. J. Hendersoun."



lord of cupyr. And, gyff ye think expedient, ye may causs Vnghare<sup>1</sup> reuok<sup>2</sup> his letter of chainge off xii<sup>c</sup> crownis, for I never resaut, nor yeit veill tuich, ane denier thairoff. I resaut the supplicatours for Melros and kelso in fauour off my Lord cardinall off guyse, vyth pensions extending to 3200 lib scottis to be assignat on the samyn. all veill be paid als son as the pape conualesces, but the pensionairs veill noder get faculte off transferryng, nor yeit kirkis and kirk landis assignat in payment off thair pensions, so we veill be constraingyeit to tak the pensions assignat apoun thair abbays, to be payt to the cardinall of Guyse and his suecessors. And becaus the haill proffit cownis to the queins grace, my lordis of Cassilles and glenluce may esale<sup>3</sup> aggre wyth hyr hienes in Scotland anent the assignments, as at mair lenth I haiff vrettin to thaim baith. I sall do my diligence to forder thir expeditions.

I haiff no nouvelles to vrait to yow, vders nor that our pape is rycht able to die, considering his aige and infirmite; god send ane better in his rowme, for he vais nevir grate. I pray yow mak me participant off your nouvelles and veifair. So haiffing na forder commodite instantlye to vrait, becauss of the postis depairting, I pray the eternall god to conserwe yow in prosperite and veifair. Off Rome the xviii day of September 1558.—Be your assurit freind at command,

James Thornton.

Reverendo Dno Magro Patricio Waus Rectori de Vigtown  
Dno meo honorendo.

Scoto Parisiis.

Letter from GILBERT, THIRD EARL OF CASSILLIS, to Mr PATRICK WAUS, Parson of Wigtown, from Dieppe, 7th October or November 1558.

Cousing I commend me to yow, ye beand remembrit I spaikit yow towart my furnessin, and sensyne hes vritin to yow to send me i<sup>c</sup> or ii<sup>c</sup> pounds with ane servand of your awin upoun the

<sup>1</sup> Doubtful—? a proper name.

<sup>2</sup> Revoke.

<sup>3</sup> Easily.

maist eisye way ye mycht hefe It, be the bank or uthir wyiss. And now I pray yow fail nocht bot ye send me with Deligence ane hondryth poundis at the lest wyth your servand, for I haif nocht ane to send for It, in quhat maner that ye may hefe it best, for ye knaw how I am providit, and I mon gyf to me in-tirteneris, and uthirs. The preve sell is speid upoun my gyf of the personage of Douglace, and in maister Robert rechairsonis handis. gyff thar be ony vourd cum fra rowme toward the bowllis<sup>1</sup> of melros send me advertesment, and, gyf thar be nane cum, lat me be certefyit quhat ye heir is the causs. Forder gyff William fogo, servand to my Lord of Glassgow, hes ony bissenes of his maisteris wyth the quenis grace our soverane, or uthir wyiss quhar ye may help him, fail nocht to do as my awin-ye sall resaif iijj vretingis<sup>2</sup> cum in my massis<sup>3</sup> to yow. Thar is na alterationis in our cuntray contenit in my letteris. Fair ye weil. off Deipe this vii of<sup>4</sup>

Item ye sall wit my fevir is callit the cotediane, and hes bene thir ix dayis paist, quharbe I am groving sa waik that I dow do na thing.—Yowris, Caissillis.

I resavit your writin fra my lord flemynis boy.  
To his cousing the  
persone off Vigtowne.

[The writer was Gilbert, third Earl of Cassillis. He died at Dieppe, 28th November 1558, not without suspicion of poison.]

Letter from GILBERT, FOURTH EARL OF CASSILLIS, to Mr PATRICK WAUS, Parson of Wigtown, 15th December 1558.

Rycht traist cousing, efter maist hartlie commendatiouns, I will giff yow to onderstand quhat estait that my bissines in thir partis ar in, thocht treulie I could nocht onderstand your lest writtingis, how my effaris was thairaway; bot alwayis ye sall kenn the gud will I beir to yow for the steuerabill<sup>5</sup> service

<sup>1</sup> Bulls.

<sup>2</sup> Writings.

<sup>3</sup> ? Missives.

<sup>4</sup> Paper torn.

<sup>5</sup> Stevel (*i.e.* firm).

that ye did to my fader, likwiss as I beleif that ye will do to myself, as ye sall know at meting. Mairover your fauours sall nocht be impechit with na thingis betwix me and pawle reyd.<sup>1</sup> Thairfor I wuld ye stoopit nocht to bring or send my coffaris with this berar, with all thingis pertening to my faders, and speciallie my silver werk, ald and new togidder, quhilk suld be in memor to my houss, according to my faderis will, quhom God assolzie. Lat nocht the less the bringing hame of my graith for ony dettis, gyf my finance will not outred<sup>2</sup> tham; allwayis I sall satefye Paull Reyd<sup>1</sup> beleiffand that I am nocht utherwyss in greit det, he beand satyfyit, at hame. Noththeless I can nocht tak na perfyte ordour with my bessynes, or counttis, in that cuntrey sen my faderis departing, quhill ye and I meit; ffor, gif ye had send me ane speciale writting quhat I had bene awand in that cuntre, I suld haif send yow ane speciale anser, seyand nocht only I, bot alsua my frendis, that [ar heir]<sup>3</sup> fand your writtingis sa mystik, that we could nocht onderstand the [meining]<sup>4</sup> contenit thairin, bot we considerit the tyme that ye wrait it in, the quhilk was warray trubluss to ws and yow. as to the effaris I haif in this present tyme, I will gif yow to onderstand at meting, assurand yow of the quenis gudnes and fawuouris, quhais supplicatiouns is to the king, with hir gudson, and douchter, and broder in speciall, In my fawuors; prayand yow to schaw your self warray deligent to our soverane, and my lord cardinale, quha wilbe myndit to the help of my effaris according to the quenis supplicatiouns, that I be considerit and helpit with the rewardis my fader had, quhilk is decessit. sen I am participant of the truble and cummar of all the service forsaid of my fader, thair hienes will consider that the samen service be nocht preiudiciale to me, bot rather to be awanceit, rather nor to repent. Als ye sall desyre nathing and speciale, bot allanarly lat thame know that my pretence is to resave ane letter of finance of thre hundreth poundis, the quhilk I beleif will outred the maist part of my dettis thairaway by Paull Reyd.<sup>1</sup> Lat nocht to fulfyll my for-

<sup>1</sup> Merchant in Ayr, and witness to document at p. 15.

<sup>2</sup> Clear out.

<sup>3</sup> Paper gone.

<sup>4</sup> Paper gone.

said bessines according to my will. Notwithstanding, gif thair be ony thing rasaut to my faderis bissyne mair nor is knowin to me, I sall outred it honestlie according to your comptis, nocht stopand my coffaris. I doute nocht bot ye will schow yow my speciale frend be your laubouris like as I salbe abill to your help and awancement, and if the[y] may nocht cum schortlie, ye sall deliver thame to this berar, in speciale gif I haif forget onything that was necessar be haist of dispeche, I sall advertiss yow in the nixt schippis, like as I wald ye did to me in all thir effaris concerning me. nocht ellis as now, bot I pray God to haif yow in his keping. At Edinburgh the xx day of December.—be your cwsin,  
 Gilbert, erle off Cassillis.

To my cousing  
 The persoun of wigtoun.

A French Passport to Mr PATRICK WAUS, 27th February 1558-9.

Je Jacques girard, Conseiller et tresorar general des finances dela Royne Daulphine de ecossye, A tous qui lappartiendra, que Mr Patrix Vaus parson de Wygthon est premier aulmosiner de la Dame <sup>1</sup> en son estat, Et par moy paye de ses gaiges comme les aultres gentilhommes et officiers domesticques de la maison de cette Dame. En tesmoingdrie jay escript et signe la presente de ma main Le penultime Jour de febrivier L'an mil cinq cent cinquante huit.

Girard.

Le S Mr patrix vaus person  
 Dvygton Escossois.

Acknowledgment of Debt of 200 Pounds Scots by GILBERT,  
 FOURTH EARL OF CASSILLIS, to Mr PATRICK WAUS, 28th  
 June 1559.

We gilbert, erle of cassillis, grantis us in awin to our cusing, master patrik vaus, persone of Vigton, the soime of tua hundyr pundis mony of scotland, and that In compleit payment of all manner of deittis and obligationis in awin to the saids person be

<sup>1</sup> Word illegible.

my umquhill fadyr or me affoyr the day and dayt heiroyf, quhilk soime ve obleiss our ayrs and ex<sup>ra</sup> to content and pay to the foyrsaidis persone, or his ayrs, betwix this and vitsonday nixt to cum. In vitnes heiroyf Subscriffit vit our hand at Mayboill the xxviij of Junij the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fyfte and nyn yeirs, beffoyr thir vitnes, thomas Kennedy of barginy elder and younger, robt greym<sup>1</sup> of knokdoleane, david Kennady in baltersan, paule raid, merchant in Ayr, vyth utheris dyverssis. I grantand my fadrs oblegation heiropon. Cassillis.

Endorsed

My lord of Cassillis obligatioun to Sir patrik Wauss off Barnbarroche for tua<sup>c</sup> punds.

Grant of a Pension of £100 annually out of the fruits of the Abbey of Glenluce by KING FRANCIS and QUEEN MARY to Mr PATRICK WAUS.

Franciscus et Maria dei gratia francorum et scotorum Rex and Regina Reverendissimo in Christo patri et domino Nicolao a sermoneta Cardinali rerum regni nostri scotie promotori dignissimo S[alutem]. Reverendissime pater in gratiam familiaris nostri Thome hay presbiteri scribimus sanctissimum dominum nostrum papam accurate, postulamusque nonmodo vt hunc monasterio de Glenluce, alias vallis lucis, Cisterciensis ordinis candide case diocesis, per obitum venerabilis quondam patris Jacobi illius ultimi abbatis nunc vacanti, preficiat abbatem. Verum etiam vt ex ejusdem monasterii fructibus centum librarum vsualis monete regni nostri scotie annuam pensionem Patricio vau clerico liberaliter conferat. Nos hanc causam R P T fidei quam nostris rebus semper presto fuisse sensimus diligenter commendamus petimusque vt ejus opera atque autem hoc negotium quam fieri potest celerrime conficiatur. Quo quidem rem nobis fecerit gratissimum. Cetera que huc spectant ex Jacobo thornton<sup>2</sup> nostro Istic procuratore Intelligit R T P

<sup>1</sup> Graham.

<sup>2</sup> See letter by him, 18th September 1558.



cui fausta omnia feliciaque precamur. Datum Ambasi<sup>a</sup> xxiii<sup>a</sup>  
Mensis Martii 1559. FRANCISCUS. MARIA.

De Laubespine.

Reverendo In Christo patri domino Nicolao a Sermoneta  
cardinali Rerum Regni nostri Scotie promotori.

[Although the following paper does not seem to affect Mr Patrick Waus directly, yet he was so much consulted and employed in the affairs of the Earl of Cassillis, that it is entered here. It is very characteristic of the times.]

An Exemption for the EARL OF CASSILLIS and his whole  
Dependents from the Sheriff of Wigtown.

Rex et Regina.

We, vnderstanding that thair standis sum variance, discord,  
and vnkyndnes, betwixt oure cousing Gilbert Erle of Cassillis,  
his kin, freindis, and seruandis, on that ane parte, and oure  
schiref of Wigtoun, his kin, freindis, and seruandis, on that  
uther parte, quhairthrow he, and his deputtis, may be na  
jugeis competent to thame in ony actioun concerning thame,  
Thairfore, we for eschewing of grettare inconuenienttis, be thir  
presentis Exemis oure said cousing, his kin, freindis, allia<sup>y</sup>, ten-  
nentis, seruandis, and parttakaris, fra our said schiref, and his  
deputis, thair jurisdictioun, office, and power, anent ony actioun  
concernyng thame, alswele criminale as ciuile, in tyme cuming,  
induring oure will. Chargeing heirfore our said schiref, and his  
deputtis, that thai desist and ceiss fra all calling, persewing, or  
proceeding upoun, ony actioun concernyng our said cousing, his  
kin, freindis, allia<sup>y</sup>, tennentis, seruandis, or parte takkaris,  
owther criminallie or ciuillie, in tyme cuming, ay and quhill  
thai haue command of us in the contrare. dischargeing thame  
vther wyis of all proceeding thairintill, and of thair offices in that  
parte, during the said space nochtwithstanding ony commissioun  
of Justiciarie gevin, or to be gevin, be us in the contrare to oure



said schiref, or his deputtis. Anent the quhilk we dispense in-safare as concernis the premissis be thir presentis. Gevin vnder oure signet, and subscruit be oure derrest moder, Marie, quene drowriare, and Regent of oure Realme, At Edinburcht the day of                      the yier of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> l nyne yeiris, and of our regnis the Secund, and aughtene yeiris.<sup>1</sup>                      Marie R.

[Whether the Parson of Wigtown retained his office of first Almoner to the Queen, and continued at the Court of France during the year 1559, has not been ascertained, but he was certainly in Rome on 22d April, and left that city on the 12th May 1560. When there he presented the following petition to the Pope, and from the next document it appears that he intended to return to the Queen in Paris, and afterwards to wait upon the Queen Dowager in Scotland. Though still only a subdeacon, and apparently unwilling to take higher orders in the Church, he is styled "the right venerable" by his clerical correspondent, Mr James Thornton.

[The next paper is a Latin Petition to the Pope by Patrick Waus, Clerk, who has been appointed to the rectory of the parish of Wigtown in the diocese of Whithorn, vacant by the resignation of John Waus, rector of the same, desiring his Holiness to bestow the fruits thereof, not exceeding xx<sup>lib</sup> sterling annually, upon the said Patrick exclusive of conditions, and to dispense with himself taking holy orders, for the space of five years, that he apply himself to study, otherwise for one year from the end of the year fixed to him by right, during which time he may be held not promoted from subdiaconate, and that he may not be compelled by authority of any ordinary; and that in the meantime the said Rectory should not be accounted as vacant.

[Petition granted. Dated at Rome 22d April, anno primo, *i.e.*, 1560.]<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> That is the second year of the reign of king and queen, who were married in 1558, and the eighteenth year of Queen Mary's reign.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Pius IV. was elected 25th December 1559.

CANDIDE CASÆ.—NOUA PROVISIO AC DE NON PROMOUENDO  
AD QUINQUENNII CAUSA STUDII.

22d April 1560.

Beatissime pater nuper seu alias Rectoria parochialis ecclesie de Vigtoun, Candidecase diocesis, ad quam dum pro tempore vacat presentatio persone idonee in ea ad presentationem huiusmodi per loci ordinarium instituende ad pro tempore existentem priorem seu commendatarium et deuotos vestros conuentum monasterii Candidecase spectare dinoscitur tunc per resignationem deuoti vestri Joannis Vaus dicte ecclesie Rectoris de illa quam tunc obtinebat in manibus sanctitatis vestre vel alterius ad id potestatem habentis sponte factam et admissam aut alias certo in literis si videbitur exprimendum modo vacante deuoto sanctitatis vestre oratori Patricio Vaus clerico dictæ Candidecase diocesis apostolica auctoritate prouisum extitit possessione forsan subsecuta Cum autem pater sancte a nonnullis de collacionis et prouisionis huiusmodi ac indesecutorum viribus hesitetur dictaque Rectoria adhuc certo modo vacare censeatur supplicat humiliter sanctitatem vestram orator predictus quatenus sibi specialem gratiam faciendo Rectoriam predictam cuius et illi forsan annexi fructus etc. xx<sup>lib</sup> sterlingorum secundum communem existimationem valorem annum non excedunt siue vt premittitur siue alias quouismodo aut ex alterius cuiuscunque persona seu per similem dicti Joannis vel cuiusuis alterius de illa in Romana Curia vel extra eam etiam coram notario publico et testibus sponte factam resignationem aut constitutionem executorialis vel assecutionem, etc. seu quacunque collacione prouisione presentacione aut quauis alia dispositione de illa vt premittitur vel alias quouismodo vacante oratori predicto vel cuius alteri persone in literis si videbitur exprimende quauis etiam predicta apostolica auctoritate factis propter illius inhabilitatem vel incapacitatem aut alias ex quauis causa nulla et inualida existente ac propterea effectum sortiri nequeunte vacet etiam si deuolutis affectis specialiter vel alias ex quauis causa in literis etiam si videbitur exprimenda generaliter reseruatis litigiosis cuius litis status etc., existat eidem oratori conferre et de illa

etiam prouidere secumque vt ratione Rectorie predictæ ac quorumcunque aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum curatorum seu ex statuto consuetudine fundatione priuilegio aut alias quomodolibet sacros etiam presbyteratus ordines requirentium per eum nunc forsân et pro tempore obtentos vsque ad quinquennium si interim literarum studio in vniuersitate seu loco vbi illud vigeat generale insistat alias ad annum duntaxat a fine anni sibi a jure prefixi computando ad aliquem ex eisdem sacris etiam subdiaconatus ordinibus se promoueri facere minime teneatur nec ad id a quocunque quauis etiam ordinaria auctoritate inuitus compelli possit dispensare ac interim Rectoriam et alia beneficia predicta ob non promotionem huiusmodi minime vacare irritum quoque, etc., decernere dignemini de gracia speciali non obstantibus apostolicis ac prouincialibus et synodalibus conciliis editis generalibus vel specialibus statutis, etc., etiam jurisconsulto, etc., roboratis necnon fundatione priuilegiis quoque indultis et literis apostolicis in contrarium forsân quomodolibet concessis quibus omnibus etiam si de illis, etc., tenores in hac vice latissime derogare placeat ceterisque contrariis quibuscunque cum clausulis opportunis.

[Concessum ut petitur in presentia Dominorum.<sup>1</sup> J. Bestan.]

Et cum absolute a censura ad effectum, etc. Et quod obstantes etiam beneficiales ac dispensatio oratoris verusque et vltimus Rectorie predictæ vacationis modus etiamsi ex illo queuis generalis reseruatîo etiam in corpore juris clausula preterquam per obitum apud sedem resultet necnon collationis seu prouisionis primo dictarum ac inde secutorum tenores habeantur pro expressis seu in toto vel in parte exprimi possint Et cum clausula generalem reseruationem importante ex quauis causa qualiscunque sit et vndecunque resultet etiam dispositione exprimenda Et de prouisione dictæ rectorie pro dicto oratore vt supra Et quod litere in forma gracie surrogationis etiam quoad possessionem generose neutri si nulli si alteri noue prouisionis perinde et etiam valere in euentum litis cuius status ac nomina et cognomina iudicum et colligantium ac jus

<sup>1</sup> The reading of this word and of the name which follows is doubtful.

et tituli illorum exprimi seu etiam pro expressis haberi aut alias prout vtilius videbitur: fatendo etiam si opus fuerit nullum jus oratori competijsse aut competere ac omnia de facto processisse et exprimendo seu etiam pro expressis habendo causas etiam nullas et infectas priorum tituli et possessionis cum gratulatione opportuna quatenus illi locus sit extensus simul vel separatim expediri possint Et de non promouendo ad quinquennium dummodo infra illius primum biennium efficiatur P. subdiaconus seu annum vt prefertur computando ac decreto predicto vt supra latissime extenso Et quoad dispensationem de non promouendo ad annum, etc., huiusmodi litere per breue sanctitatis vestre seu officium contradictarum expediri ponit Et cum derogatione item de annuali possessione quoad predictam eius partem necnon predictorum et quorumuis aliorum statutorum, etc., foundationis priuilegiorum indultorum et literarum apostolicorum quomodolibet contrariorum quorum omnium tenores latissime exprimi possint ad effectum, etc. Et quod premisorum omnium et singulorum etiam qualitatis inuocatis denominatis nuncupatis annexi fructus, etc., augendo vel minuendo quantum opus fuerit cognitum aliorumque necessariorum maior vera et amplior specificatio et expressio fieri possit in literis.

Concessum. J. Bestan (?).

Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum nono Kalendas Maij anno primo.

Obligation by ROBERT BOG to Mr PATRICK WAUS, 7th May 1560.

I, Robert bog, seruant to ane honorable Lord, george Lord Seton, grantis me be the tenor heirof to haif borrowit, and rasauit fra ane venerabill man, Mr patrik Vas, person of Wygton, the soume of ane hundret crounis of the sone in nummerit monye, for the expedition of sik pensions as I haid to provyd for my said Lordis barnis In Rome at the Rasait of the said soume, the quhilk I obleis me to content & pay againe to the said Mr patrik betuix the daiet of thir present, & the fin of august nixt to cum efter the makein heir of, but farder delay, fraud, or gylle. In verefication of the premissis I haif subscriuit this present obli-



gation with my hand at Rome, the vii day of may, 1560 Befoir  
thir wytnes, maistir James thornton, Mr Wilzem hosolme  
maistir Robert purves, with vtheris diuersis.

Robert bog with my hand.

Endorsed Robert bogis obligation.

A Memorial of Mr JAMES THORNTON given to Mr PATRICK  
WAUS, parson of Wigtown, at his departing from Rome  
12th May 1560.

Guid persoun, at your arryuing to the court off france I pray yow  
hartlye to delywer my littill pakat to the quein our souvereine.  
And, becauss the continnew off my vreting is noth onknawin to  
yow, ye may expone my necessite to hyr maieste: bout<sup>1</sup> quhais  
helpe and support, induring the trowbilis off our reaulme, It is  
noth possibill I may remain in Rome: gyff ony riddy siluer  
maybe gottin send to me, I vaild ye procurit the samyn: or ellis  
ane guid licence, that vyth hyr hienes guid veill and beneuolence  
I may depairt, and pass in Scotland: Anent this poinct off the  
courte ye plaiss send me sowm risolut ansowr.

And becauss in the courte I traist ye sell forgadder vyth Jhone  
Leuingstoun, or sowm vdirs factours and dewars for my lord off  
glasgo and hys affairis: I vaild ye asseurit thaim that the ex-  
peditioun off the bullis of Lassia is onlye retardat heir for inlaik  
off mone: And gyff thai veill send syluer in sufficance to radeim  
the samyn, quhilk in haill veill noth exceid Y 330.; I suld do  
my devuoir to causs the bulles be spaid:<sup>2</sup> Vderuayis that I may  
abydde forder ansour off my Lord:

In Paris I traist in god ye sell forgadder vyth M. Thomas  
Vestoun, my guid frend, quhaim ye sell hartlye requoyr to ad-  
uertis me off hys nouellis; and gyff ony letters, or mone, cowmis  
to me off Scotland, that he vse diligence to causs the samyn be  
conuoyt to Rome: for ye ken my necessite: Also mak me ad-  
uertisment gyff Timotheo be in Paris or noth, and gyff he in-  
tendis to pass in Scotland, and mak bank in the auld maner.

<sup>1</sup> But, *i.e.* without.

<sup>2</sup> Sped.

In Scotland ye plaiss delyure my pakat to the quein Regent, owr maistres, to quhais hienes ye may schaw my necessite : and, gyff I micht haiff depairtit heirfra vyth hyr grace guid veill, that seurlye I haid down the samyn all reddy : bot, abyddan forder ansour, that I haiff differrit my voyage quhill August nixt : And gyff in the maintyme hyr grace send noth mone to me, that pauuerte veill contryne me vyth my gryt schame to laiff Rome, and all hyr affairis in sic termis as ye know : expone inlykuayis M. Robert Richartsonis oncourtesie, and quhow this thre yeiris bygain I haif gotten na payment off my pensioun.

I traist ye veill mak my hartlye commendatioun of seruice to my lord of glasgo ; to quhais L ye veill schow that hys expeditioun of the bullis off Lassia is differrit heir onlye for inlaik off mone, and that I haiff the kingis letters passit in dew forme, and subscryuit be the Embassadour : the samyn commendatioun of seruice I vaild ye maid to my Lordis of cassellis, corsregall, and glenluce : I vaild also ye delyurit my vreting to schir hew kennedy, and schaw hym gyff he, or the abbot off newabbay, send sufficient mone to me, noth exceidan Y 250, that I sell speid the successone off that abbay conforme to the fyrst mandat : I vaild also thai obtenit the quein Regentis letters to the pape and promoteur for the expeditioun of this resignatioun : becauss the aild supplicatonis, considerin sik mutations as hais interuenit sen the dait off thaim, vaill be in sobyr consideratioun :

As to the lairdis off coldenknowis and barganys pensiouns, ye can dewlie informe thaim quhat is requoyrit to git thaim spaid in Rome : I haiff vrettin to thaim bayth vyth Robert bog : I pray yow inquoyr M. Robert Richartsoun quhat is the occasioun or motiue that I kan get no payment off my pensioun, requoyran hym, considering my necessite, and sik plaisours as I haiff down to hym, that he voill be mair gratius : and send me sowm siluer :

Gyff ye forgadder vyth my broder M. Jhone Thornton yowngar, vyth M. Jhone Spens off conde, M. David Spens : M. Wilyem crichton, or M. Thomas keir, pray thaim all to send me sowm syluer for sik caussis as is noth onknawin to thaim : And swa fair ye hartlye veill : Off Rome the xii day off Maij 1560.—Yowris at command, Ja. Thornton.



faill noth conforme to your promes to mak me participant  
off your nouellis :—

Endorsed

12 May 1560 :

Ane memorial off M. James Thornton  
for the rycht venerable M. Patrik Vaus  
person off Vigton.

[In this year 1560, in which the young churchman had been humbly petitioning the Pope, he found on his return to Scotland that a vast change had taken place in that country. The struggle, which Mary of Guise, the Queen Regent, supported by French troops, had for some time maintained against those who had embraced the doctrines of the Reformation, had come to an end. She died in July, and the Reformation was established by the national will in the following month. That the Parson of Wigtown now left the Church of Rome is proved by the fact of his marriage in December of that year with Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvan Mains. The next we hear of him is the betrothal of his eldest daughter Isobell, on 6th August 1562, when she could not have been more than one year old, to George, eldest son of David Murray of Broughton.]

Bond by THOMAS, Abbot of Glenluce, for 600 marks, to Mr  
PATRICK WAUS of the Maidland, as tocher with ELLSPETT,  
Daughter of Sir HEW KENNEDY of Girvan Mains, 26th December 1560.

We thomas, be the prouision of god abbot of glenluce, be the tenor heyrof bindis and oblissis vs, our ayris, exoris, and succesoris, to contente, and pay thankfulle, delyuer to master patrik waus of the maidland, and elspett kennedy, dochtyr to Ser Hew kennedy of gyrvane manis, knyecht, In name of tochir, the soume of sax hundyrreth markis mony of Scotland, quhilk we haif promesit to the said Mr patrik and elspett, att termis follovin, viz., twa hundryt markis at the nixt vidsunday in the yeir of

god ane thusand fyve hundyr<sup>1</sup> and ane yeiris, ane vthir twa hundyr markis at the nixt martimes immediatlie folloving, and the vthir twa hundyr markis, in compleit payment of the said saxe hundyr markis, at the vidsunday in the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> saxe and twa yeiris, butt fraude or gyill ; Prouyding that, geife the said thomas abbot of glenluce cumis nocht in possessione of the said abbay of glenluce, that he be nocht compellit to pay of the said sax hundyr markis bot thre hundyr markis att half the termis aboune specifeyit, or ellis that he sall sattiffee him in few landis of the said abbay of glenluce wyth ony ten markland he vill desyir, at<sup>2</sup> is nocht all redde sett in fev.<sup>3</sup> In vitnes heiroyf we haue subscriffit wyth our hand at mayboill the xxvi day of december, in the yeir of god 1.<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> and thre schoyr yeris, befoyr thir vyttnes, hew kennedy of gyrvane manis, knycht, Jhone kennedy of skeldone, villiame campbell of kyrintra, and alex<sup>r</sup> vaus, vyth vtheris dyuersis. Abut of glenluce.

[There seems to have been some difficulty in getting payment of this tocher, for 200 marks were still due in April 1572, more than eleven years later, as shown by the following document, which also shows that Elizabeth Kennedy, Sir Patrick Waus's first wife, was alive at that date.]

Bond by THOMAS \_\_\_\_\_, Commendator of Glenluce, to Mr PATRICK WAUS, for 200 marks, balance of 600 marks tocher, promised to ELIZABETH KENNEDY, his wife, 16th April 1572.

We thomas, commendator of glenluce, grantis us In awin to Mr patrik wauss of Barnbarrach the soum of twa hundyreth markis mony, to be payit at beltain In the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lx threittin, In compleit payment of the soume of sax hundyr markis, promittit be vss to the said Mr patrik In name of thoychyr<sup>4</sup> vyth elezabeth kennady his veffe, and sall delyuer to the said commendator all contractis, obligationes, and lettiris, and letteris of pvnding past thairvpon ; And geife the said com-

<sup>1</sup> Threescore is here omitted.

<sup>2</sup> That.

<sup>3</sup> Feu.

<sup>4</sup> Tocher.

mendator payss thankfullie to me, or my ayris [the said Mr patrik], the soume of ane hundyreth markis betuix and the said beltain, in the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lx threttyne yeris, In that kaice the said obligatione to haife na effek nor strentht fra the payment of the said hundyreth markis. In vitnes heiroy ve haife Subscryvit this present vyth our hand, at the abbay of glenluce, the xvi day of aprile, in the yeir of god 1.<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lx twelf yeris, befoyr thir vitnes, hewe kennady of barquhony, villam kennady of munhuntione,<sup>1</sup> and James ross notar public, vyth vtheris dyuersis. glenluce.

Contract of Marriage between GEORGE MURRAY, Son to DAVID MURRAY of Broughton, and ISOBELL WAUS, Daughter to Mr PATRICK WAUS of Barnbarroch, 6th August 1562.

At Barnbarroch the sext day of August the yeir of gode 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> thre scoir and twa yeiris ; It is appointit, contractit, concordit, finalie endit, and aggreit, betuix hono<sup>n</sup> parteis vndervriting, to wit Mr patrik wauss of barnbarach, takand the burding on him for Isobell waus, his Lauchtfull dochter, on that ane part, And David muray of brochton, takand the burding opon him for george muray, his Lauchtfull sone and apperand air, on the vther part, in maner following. To Wit the said george godwilling sall marie, and to vyfe haif, the said Isobell, and solempnizat the band of matrimonie wyth hyr in face of holy kyrk betuix the dait heiroy and the feist of sanct mertyne in vyntir, in the yeir of god ane thousand fyve hundreth four scoir and thre yeiris ; And als the said David bindis and oblessis him and his ayris to infest, or caus his foirsaid sone to infest, him the said george, and the said Isobell his futur spous, the langast lewar of thaim twa in coniunct fee, and the ayris to be gottin betuix thame, quhilkis failzeand gode forbid, the nerrast and lauchtfull ayris of the said george quhatsumeuer, in all and haill the ten markland of kyrcarsall and Drumbuy, lyand vythin the stewartrie of kyrkcudbrycht, and parochin of rerryk ; and that in contentane and full satisfaction of hyr haill terse and coniunct fee, of

<sup>1</sup> Probably Minunchen.

all that the said Isobell may crayff ffor terse and coniunct fee. And the said David and george oblessis thame and thair ayris to varand and maik the saidis landis of kyrcastell and Drumbuy to be worth yeirlie the sovme of fovyv hundreth markis money, to be payit to hir at twa termes in the yeir, to wit vitsonday, and martenmess in vynter, be equall portionis allanerlie; And geif that it happenis the said george to decess before the said David, as gode fforbid it be, in that case the said Isobell sall crayff, or haif, yeirlie out of the forsaidis Landis bot the sovme of ane hundreth pundis money vsuall of this realme induring the lyf-tyme of the said David; And efter his decess scho sall haif yeirlie the haill said sovme of fovyv hundreth markis money, as said is: And this said infetment to pas and be endit, and the saidis george and Isobell to be put in the sesing of the forsaidis Landis, betuix the dait heiroyf and completing of the forsaid matrimonie vpon the said m<sup>r</sup> patrikis ressonable expensses, ffor the quhilk caussis of mariage and infetment and sesingis to be done, as said is, the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik bindis and oblessis him, his ayris, exe<sup>ris</sup>, and assignais, to thankfullie content and pay to the said David Murray of brochtoun, or to his ayris, exe<sup>ris</sup>, or assignais, the sovme of fyftein hundreth merkis money vsual of this realme at the termes following, to wit the ane half thairof at the nixt feist of Ywle nixt efter the completing of the said mariage, in the yeir of gode 1m v<sup>e</sup> four scoir thre yeiris, And the sovme of seven hundreth merkis and fyfty merkis money forsaid, in compleit payment of the said sovme of fyftein hundreth merkis, at the feist and terme of Ywle nixt thairefter, in the yeir of gode 1m v<sup>e</sup> four scoir and four yeiris: And for suir payment thairof the said Mr patrik bindis and oblessis him, for him and his forsaidis, as principall to becum actit in the commisseris buykis off Wigtoun, And sall caus thom kenedy in baryarrook, and arthur braidfute in stenyok, become actit in the buykis forsaid, coniunctlie and seuerallie, for thankfull payment of the sovme abone vritin at the termes abon specifeit: And the said Mr patrik bindis and oblessis him and his forsaidis to intret and sustein the said george and Isobell, his futur spous, fra the tyme of solempnizatione of mariage wyth twa serwands to serue thaim, thair

bayrne, geif ony beis, wyth nvreis, quhill the terme of  
 in the yeir of gode 1m v<sup>c</sup> four scoir and four yeiris, & further  
 quhill the compleit payment of the said thousand pundis. And  
 thairefter the said Daudid to resaiiff, intret, and sustein, the for-  
 said george and Isobell and thair forsaid serwandis in his hous,  
 according as is forsaid; And sall geiff thame yeirlie ane hun-  
 dreth merkis money for the help and vphald of thair abulye-  
 ment of clayss: And geiff it sall happin the said Daudid to put  
 the said george and his futur spous to be sustenit be thame  
 selfis, in that case the said Daudid vill that the said george and  
 Isobell haif the haill commoditie and profeit of the forsaid ten  
 merkland abon vritin to thame selfis, to be applyit to thair vse,  
 veill, and sustenance in all tymes thairefter. And geiff this  
 present contract be not gude, sufficient, and strenthe aneuch in  
 the self, nor formale, baith the saidis parteis oblessis thame, for  
 thame and thair forsaidis, to reforme and renew the sam be the  
 avyssh and counsale of men of law upon aucht dayis vriting; the  
 same keipand the effect and substance abon vritin, and ar con-  
 tent that this present contract be registrat and insert in the  
 buykis of counsale and sessioun, and in the commisseris buykis  
 of vigtoun, and for registering and inserting heirof constitutis  
 and ordanis petyr M<sup>c</sup>goveyane To do the sam consent thairto,  
 as lauchtfull procuratoris thairto constitut promittando de rato  
 and gradato. In vitnessing heirof bayth the saidis parteis hais sub-  
 scriuit thir presentis wyth thair hands, day, yeir, and place, for-  
 saidis, before thir vitnessis, Daudid murray in barlokart, David  
 kennedy, thomas wauss, seruitoris to the said Mr patrik, wyth  
 vtheris diuerssis.

Mr Patrik vaus off Barnbarrach  
 vyth my hand  
 David murraye of Brochtoun.

Cusyng commisser, forsamykill as ye sall nocht fail to Insert  
 this contrat betuix my Eyme, the layrde of brochtoun, and me In  
 your bvikis, and that euery ane of vss may haif the extrat thairof  
 as accordis, and this ye fail nocht as my traist Is In yow. at  
 barnbarrache, the xxiiij of octobar, by 1583. Barnbarrache.



At barnbarrocht the xxviij day of october the yeir of god Lxxxiiij yers.

The quhilk day comperit in presence of m<sup>r</sup> villiam m<sup>c</sup>gowyne commisser of vightoun m<sup>r</sup> patrik vauss of barnbarrocht and dauid murray of brochtoun, parteis contracteris, and desyrit, and consentit the contract matrimoniall abone vrittin, to be inserit and registrat in his buikis to haif the strenth of his decreit, and executorialis letters to pass thairupon as effeirs; The quhilk the Judge hes ordanit, and Thomas kennedy in baryerrok, and arthur braidfute in stenyok, become actit of thair awin proper consignatioun for payment of ane thousand lbs money, tochir contenit in the said contract, and villiam Duinbar in culmalze is cum actit of his proper consignatioun for thair releife: and the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik vauss of barnbarrocht is cum actit of his proper consignatioun to releue the fairsaid cautioneris, and the said villiam dunbar, of the fairsaid tochir at the termis contenit in the contract befor vrittin; failzeing thair of poynding to pass vpon the saidis cautioneris, william and m<sup>r</sup> patrik respectiue as effeiris.

Endorsed—Yung Brochttons contract of  
mariage with barnbarrach dochter.

Note on Contract of Marriage between GEORGE MURRAY and  
ISOBELL WAUS.

This contract is dated 6th August 1562. The marriage is to take place before Martinmas 1583.

Mr Patrick Waus and David Murray of Broughton require the Commissary of Wigtown to register it and enter it in his books on 23d October 1583, and he does so on 28th October 1583, 21 years after the original date and within one month of the limit of time. This shows that Isobell had been betrothed while in infancy. Mr Patrick Waus married in December 1560.

[The following letter was addressed to Alexander Waus, who was at that date Laird of Barnbarroch, but as it bears on the History of the times it is here inserted.]



Letter from the EARL OF CASSILLIS to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 3d April 1561.

Traist cousing eftir hartlie commendatioun forsamekill this to adverteis yow that I ressavit writtings fra sundry of the nobilitie to be at ane tryst with thame at lithkow the aucht of this instant quhair the King of frances comissioner Is to be present at the tyme and place foir said quhairefore alsua I haif ressavit writtings direct fra the king of france—Referring the credeit to the berar—Quhairin I find thir ocasionis sua necessary that I am willing to be present thair. Quhairfoir I pray yow effecteouslie as ye will do me plessor that ye will tak sua far trevell as to be with me in cumpany at my passing thair. I wreit to yow of befoir to haif bene at me againis this Day of Law quhilk is the fyftene of this instant bot this tyme man be prevenit becauss of the necessitie of this present occasioun. Quhilk I beleif ye will nocht fail: Referring the rest to the samyn And god haif yow in his keiping. of Mayboill this thrid of Aprile 1561.—Be your gude frind,

Cassillis.

To my trest Cusing the lard  
of barnbarroth.

[The following bond of man rent was between Harry Hawthorn, who was a kindly tenant of the Prior of Whithorn in the lands of Airies, and Alexander Waus of Barnbarroch, the elder brother and predecessor of Sir Patrick Waus, and is here inserted as illustrative of the times.]

Bond of Man Rent between HARRY HAWTHORN of Airies and  
ALEXANDER WAUS of Barnbarroch, 6th November 1562.

The sext day of November in the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> threscoir twa yeirs, It is appoyntit, concordit, and finalie agreit, betwixt thir honorable personis wnderwrittin, that is to say Alex<sup>r</sup>. Waus of barnbarath upon that ane part, and hary hauthorne in mekle areis upon that wther part, in manner, forme, and effect, as efter

followis; that is to say, the said hary hauthorne is becuming seruand to the said Alex<sup>r</sup>. Waus, and sall ryid and gang with him in all his lesum cawsis and actionis, and serif him upon the said Alex<sup>r</sup><sup>is</sup>. expensis, the quenis grace hienes, and the prior of quhitarne, beand alwayss exceipit. And in lykwyse the said Alex<sup>r</sup>. is becuming oblist to manteyne the said hary in all his lesum actionis, the quenis grace Inlykwiss beand exceipit. ffor the quhilk causis, and service abone expremit, the said Alex<sup>r</sup>. gaiffis to the said hary his parsonage of his saxt merk land of the mekle areis, for the yeirlye payment to hyme of the sowme of fowrteen merkis, guid and wsual money of the realme, to be paid to the said Alex<sup>r</sup>. at ane teryme in the yeir, Viz. mertymes in winter all to gidder in ane sowme; The fyrst termes payment beand at mertymes in the yeir of god 1m v<sup>o</sup> threscoir thre yeiris, of the crop of threscoir twa yeiris, prowyd- and alwayss, geif ony reformatione beis maid twychand the teyndis, the said Alex<sup>r</sup>. sall defalk to the said hary efter the tenour of the general reformatione. And this contract and bond to stand Induring all thair lifytymes; and athyr of the saidis parteis ar oblist hierunder for thair awin partis, and hes subscriwit, and causit to subscribe, thir presentis with thair handis, as efter followis, day yeir and place abone vrittin. At Wigtoun before thir witnes, Symon M'Culloch of mertoun, patrik mwre of carnfeild, Alex<sup>r</sup>. M'culloch of kylasser, Alex<sup>r</sup>. Waus, and Ser herbert andersone, notar publyk, with wtheris diverssriss.

I Hary Harthorne, with my hand led at the pen be the noter wnderwrittin, &c. Ita est michael Harthorne notarius publicus mandato dato Henrici manu propriâ.

[In the following contract for the sale of Artfield, a moorland farm in the Parish of New Luce, now the property of James M'Douall, Esq. of Logan, and entered in the Valuation Roll as let at an annual rent of £350, the price named is 500 merks or £333, 6s. 8d., and Mr Patrick Waus is designated as of Cascreugh. This was his residence till he succeeded to Barnbarroch. It seems to have been a good house in those times, and belonged to the Earl of Cassillis, from whom it was held on lease, with a

large district adjoining, until Sir Patrick's death in 1597. The house, of which a considerable ruin is still standing, is remarkable as having been the residence in the following century of Lord President Dalrymple, whose ill-fated daughter was the original of the heroine of the "Bride of Lammermuir," and it was there that the scenes so pathetically related by Sir Walter Scott were enacted.]

Sale of Artfield by GILBERT, EARL OF CASSILLIS, to Mr PATRICK WAUS of Cascreugh, 2d March 1562-3.

At the Insche the second day of merche In the yeir of god 1m fif hundreyt threscoir and twa yeirs, It is appointit, concordit, and finalie endit, betuix ane nobill and potent lord, gilbert erle of cassillis, lord kennedy, etc., on that ane part, and maister patrick waus of cascrev<sup>t</sup> on the vther part, in maner as efter follovis, that is to say the said m. patrik sall delyuer, and instantle delyueris, to the said erle the sovm of fyf hundryth merkis, gud and vsuell mony of Scotland, of the quhilk sovm the said erle halds him weill content and payet, and dischargis the said m. patrik, his airis, and executoris, for nov and euer; for the quhilk the said erle bindis and oblissis him, his airis, and successoris, till Infest and seiss heretable, betuix the dait heirof and the xv day of this instant, be chartour and precept, with all clavis needfull, the said maister patrik, his airis maill, lauchfullie gottin, or to be gottin, of his body, quhilkis failyeand, to Alex<sup>r</sup> vaus of barnbarrache, and his airis maill lauchfullie gottin, or to be gottin, of his body, quhilkis failyeand, to the said m. patrikis airis quhatsumeuer, in all and hail the aught merk landis of artfeld of auld extent, with the pertinentis, lyand within the barony and paroschin of glenluce, and serefdom of vigtoun; and to be hald of ws, our airis and successoris, in few-ferm for the yeirle payment of ane penny, gaif the samen beis requirit alenerle, And sall warrand the saidis landis, and few mailis, and vther deweteis tharof, to the saidis M. patrik, and his foirsaidis, at the handis of our souerane lady the quenis grace, and hir successoris, the abbat and convent of glenluce,

and all vtheris haivand, or pretendand to haif, entres therto ony maner of vay, and that bot ay and quhill we, our airis or successoris, content, and thankfule pay to the said m. patrik, and his airis, the sovm of four hundryth merks; And quhovsone the said sovm beis payit the said erle, his airis and successoris, sall haif Ingress and regress to the saidis landis, lyk as thai haif had afoir the maiking of this contract, and als the said erle bindis and oblissis him and his airis to reid and maik void the said aucht merk land of artfeld between this [and] the feist of vit-sounday nixt to cum, swa that the said M. patrik, and his foirsaidis, may occupy the samen with his proper gudis, or set the same to his subtennantis, or cotteris, as he sall think expedient. And als the said erle oblissis him and his foirsaidis nocht to lowss nor redeim the said landis for the space of fyf yeiris nixt to cum. And, geif that this present contrak be nocht sufficient, bayth the saidis perteis and thair foirsaidis oblissis thame to reforme the samen be the avice of men of vnderstanding, kepend this substance and effect; and geif neid beis bayth is contentit that the samen be registrat in the buikis of consall, and for mair verification bayth the saidis parteis hes subscriuit this present contrak with thair handis, the day, yeir, and place abone vrytin, befoir thir vittnessis, Andro gray persone of kellis and villam stevyn, and James ross with vtheris dyuerssis.

Cassillis.

Mr Patk Vauss of Caserv.

Endorsed.

Contract betuix my lord  
of cassillis and barnbarroch  
Anent ardfeild.

Letter from CUTHBERT CUTHBERTSON to MR PATRICK WAUS,  
14th March 1562-3.

Sir, efter hartlie commendatioun of seruice, I wrait to your (m) of befoir anent ane boy, callit Johnne campbell; ovther caus him to cum and mak furth his seruice to his maister, or ellis to rander the sovme of vij<sup>lib</sup>, contract in his chartour partie, quhilk

I am oblist to pay, for his maister is <sup>1</sup> in my eviu. As for the sex lib yor (m) promissit to haue send to me, I resaut nane as yit; and, gif It be your gud plessor, do the samyn; vtherwayis I will not charge yow to be angre, becaus I haue chairget yow oft tymes of befor, and man as yit. I traist god willing to be in galloway, and than to desyr ane horss, as I traist ye will. This putand yow to charges, quhilc I traist in god ye sall think Iwell warit.<sup>2</sup> Nocht ellis, bot committis yow to the eternall gods tuition and keiping. off Edr the xiiij day of March anno Lxij yeiris. at command and seruice, as knows god.

Cuthbert cuthertstone, messinger, spous  
to Jonett waus.

To the Ry<sup>t</sup> Honorable and my maist speciall frend M. patrik waus Laird of barnebarro<sup>t</sup>.

Receipt by GILBERT, FOURTH EARL OF CASSILLIS, to Mr PATRICK WAUS of Cascreugh, for the rents of certain lands, 15th November 1563.

Jesus Maria.

We gilbert, erle of cassillis, grantis vss to haife ressaut be the handis off Mr Patrik wauss off caserv the soume of thrette iij merkis v shillings vi pence, and that for the mertimes mailis of the landis of Caserv,<sup>3</sup> Glenhovyll,<sup>4</sup> Gleniore,<sup>5</sup> Treochis, Dyrreskylben,<sup>6</sup> and ij merkland and ane half of barlokart, off the quhilc soume ve halde uss content and payit, and quett clams and dischargis the saidis Mr patrik, his Ayris, exors, and assignayss, for nov and ever, and off all vthir termis precedane sen his Infeyftment. In vitnes of the quhilc ve haif Subscryvit this present acquittance vyth our hand. At the Inche the xv day of november, the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> threescoyr and thre yeris, befoyr thir vitnes, thomas hoge, David Kennedy, and willame steyn, vyth vtheris dyverssis.

Cassillis.

[Of the above-named lands Treochis is no longer to be found as the name of a farm, but in the Valuation Roll of 1878 are

<sup>1</sup> Paper gone.

<sup>2</sup> Evil, ill-spent.

<sup>3</sup> Cascreugh.

<sup>4</sup> Glenhowl.

<sup>5</sup> Glenjorie.

<sup>6</sup> Dirskilpen.



Carsecreugh, rent £539, 8s. 10d.; Glenhowl, £177, 17s. 6d.; Dirskilpin, £101, 5s.; Barlockhart, £100; ditto, £208;—making a rental of £1126, 11s. 4d., which in 1563 was represented by sixty-six merks, and these farms were probably much more extensive at that date than they are now.]

Discharge for BISHOP OF GALLOWAY before Mr PATRICK WAUS,  
Commissar of Wigtown.

I Jhone mykill, chalmerlane to me loyrde bischoipe of galvay, grantis me to haife ressaut be the handis of Alex<sup>r</sup> Vaus of barnebarrache the soume fyve pundis xi s viii ds, and that In compleit payment of the vidsonday of the fyve merkland of baltersen, and the fyve merkland barvennand, of the yeir of god 1m v<sup>e</sup> threschoyr and fovyrr; of the quhilk soume aboune vyrtin, and all termes precedane the dait heiroyf. I the said Jhone grantis me to be content and payit, and dischargis the said Alex<sup>r</sup>, his ayris, exors, and assignayss, for nov and euer. In vitnes heyroyf I haife causit the commissar of vigtoune subscribe in my name, becauss I culd nocht subscrif my self, befoyr thir vitnes, thomas m'dovell of dumnerice, patrik muir of karnefeyld, and Jhone Vauss, burgess of vigtoune, vyth vtheris dyuersis.

Mr Pat<sup>k</sup> Vauss of kascrv,  
and commissar of vigtoune, at  
command of the said Jhone,  
with my hand.

[The next two letters were probably addressed to Alexander Waus, Sir Patrick's predecessor as Laird of Barnbarroch, but it is remarkable that in the marriage-contract of 6th August 1562, and in the letter 14th March 1562, Sir Patrick is styled as of Barnbarroch, and Laird of Barnbarroch in his elder brother's lifetime.]

Letter from JAMES STEWART, EARL OF MORAY, afterwards  
Regent, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 12th April 1565.

Traist freind, after maist hartlie commendationn, forsamekle



as I haiff ane day off call approchand upon the first off may nixtocumis, quhairin, albeit the principall caus concerne the Q. maiesteis service, yeit sum speciall duteies haiff I alsua my selff, and thairfor wold be glaid to haiff with me my freindis that day, in the quhilk number I esteme you as ane speciell, and thairfor will maist hartlie pray you that ye will do me that honor as to be with me the day preceding in Edinbrucht, quhairin ye sall do me ane singuleir emplesour, and thus nocht doubting but ye will kep the day, accompaneyit with your honest frendis, I will bid you maist hartlie fareweill, resarving all uther thingis to our meiting. frome Sanctandros the xii day off Aprill 1565.—Your L. assured at all poueir, James Stewart.<sup>1</sup>

To my traist freind the Lard  
of Barbarrothe.

Summons from QUEEN MARY and DARNLEY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, to meet them at Stirling, "with the hail  
force ye may mak," 13th September 1565.

Traist freind, We greet you weill. Nocht onelie hesoure rebellis, and dissobedient subjectis, thair assistaris, takin on armour, riddin with conuociatioun to and fra in the cuntre, and fortifit and withhaldin diuerse houssis and strenthis aganis us, Bot als, as weill apperis be thair proceedingis, myndis to draw in strangearis in our realme, And safar as in thame lyis to peruert the hail stait of our commoun weill, quhilk to ws is vnsufferabill; And we traist nane of oure faythfull subiectis (of quhilk nowmer we specialie esteme yow) wilbe contentit of thair vn-naturall defectioun, Bot with thair lyffis and geir will set furthwart our guid and iust querrell. Praying yow thairfoir effectuslie That accompaneit with the hail force ye may mak, with xx dayis victualis efter your cuming, with palzeonis to ly on the feildis, ye faille nocht to addres yow to meit ws At Striuling the

<sup>1</sup> Lord James Stewart, natural son of King James V., by Margaret, daughter of John, fifth Earl of Mar, born 1533, constituted Prior of St Andrews 1538, by which designation he was known till created Earl of Moray, 30th January 1561-2.

last day of September instant, And frathyne to pas furthwart with ws to sic places as the occasioun of oure staite sall require. As ye will thairby do ws maist thankfull pleser, And gar ws confirme the same guid opinioun quhilk We euir consaut and presentlie hes of yow. Subscriuit with our hands At Dundee, the xiiij day of September, 1565.

Marie R. Henry R.

To our traist freind the Laird  
of Barburrauch.

Letter from Sir JOHN BELLENDEN, the Justice-Clerk, to  
Mr PATRICK WAUS, 23d November 1566.

Brother, efter maist herty commendation, I haue bene at sum commonyng with the lady drowchtag<sup>1</sup> be the avyiss of fryndis, and scho hes desyrit at me that, as his youngest sister hes maid hir powr to Intromit with hir landis in gallowaye, and Is obleist not to sell nor putt away hir landis to nane vthir bot to hir, sche desyris me vpon that sam respect for to mak hir securite for the space of ane yeir, and fordir Induring my will, and sche hes promiseit to me that sche sall not annalye the landis in fyiff to nane vther bot to me, and that be your sycht and avyiss. I am counsale be my fader Ser hew<sup>2</sup> and other frindis not to refuiss hir of this hir desyir, yitt wald I do na thing tharintill bot be your counsale and avyiss, quhom I haue putt to all the panes bypast, and quhais help and avyiss I haue found hithertill maist proffitable, and thairfoir I haue ordanit the lady drowchtag to com vnto yow, and to mak the appoyntement wyth yow, and as evir ye and sche sall aggre I sall stand content.

Farthir as to the heidis that I wald wer provydit. in the first that sche sould mak me Just compt and payment of hir haill Intromission, &c., and to begyn wyth the fermes of this crop allanerlie, haveand na thing to do wyth the mertymess males, nor vther

<sup>1</sup> The Lady Drouchtag was Alison Dunbar, one of the heirs-portioners of Loch and Kilconquhar.—*Reg. Privy Council*, 5th December 1576.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvan Mains, whose daughter he had married, and who was also father-in-law to Mr Patrick Waus.

termes bygane. Item, that sche sall nocht clame kyndnes to the said office and rowm, bot leiff It wyth favour and kyndnes alss sone as I sall requyre, &c., And vpon thir poyntis that I may haue sufficient cautioun, and this beand putt In wryte be your avyiss, and send to me, I sall subscryve It, and send it to yow agane. And quhair as sche offris to me the sam power In hir landis in fyiff, becaus that thair is not ane penny nor boll of victale, sa fer as I can speir, to tak up thair, I cair not quethir sche mak me hir powr or nocht thairupon at thys tyme, for thair is na thing to be gottin thairaway quhill It be conqueist wyth money, or ellis wyn be the law, sa lang as euffame wemis lewis,<sup>1</sup> gif thair be ony vther reasonable conditions, that ye think to be aggreit vpon, I am content to do as ye sall devyiss, praying yow to appardon me of the manyfald and greitt laubouris I putt you vnto, and to command me In lyik maner, quhairunto I sall be reddy, god willing, praying our god to preserve yow, and your bedfallow, and all vther freindis for evir. at Edinburecht this xxiiij of november 1566.

Your brother the Justice clerk.

I am crediblie Informit that the baptisme of our prynce<sup>2</sup> salbe maid vpon the tent day of december nixtocum, and that the quenes (g) will do all thingis possible to be reddy at that day. hir (g) wes sicklye in hir Journey, bot sen sche com to craigmillar sche is weill mendand, praysed be god, and It is belefitt that sche sall remane thair quhill hir passing to the baptesme.

[The outer sheet with address is torn off.]

Letter from Mrs JANET KENNEDY of Culzean to ALEXANDER  
WAUS, Laird of Barnbarroch, 4th July 1566.

Broder, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun for samekle as touard the siluer quhilk ye haif in your handis, ye sall wit that

So long as Euphemia Wemyss lives.

<sup>2</sup> James VI.

I haif mekle ado and gret cummerisse<sup>1</sup> cumin apoine me of Det, quhilk that I am extremlie handillit in sundery weyiss in sundery thingis quhilk I nevir wist of befor; Quhairfor I will pray yow for to delyuer to this berar the siluer that your wisdome thinkis best, considderand the gret cummers that I haif ado. And furder ye sall wit that, war nocht the gret cimwlt<sup>2</sup> of Det that I haif to red, assuirritlie broder I sould nevir adesyrit ane groit of yow for him. And god willing quhen I haif red sum of the dettis of me I sall Recompence yow with alss gud ane horsse, ye considderand at this present quhat I haif ado, and taik considderatioun thair of, as this berar will schow yow. And as for ane Discharge ye sall haif It sufficientlie maid with James ross how sone your wisdome thinkis gud, ye keipand this vritting to youris warand quhill thane, And ye delyuerand my wmquhill husbandis obligatioun to this berar: or ellis broder keip It that It sall do me nor myne na skaithe, for in gud faith I sould neuer adesyrit ane  $\frac{1}{2}$ d<sup>3</sup> of yow, broder, war nocht that I am sa meikle left in det, and this ye sall apardoun me, and hald me excussit in the cherging of yow sa sair. Refarand the rest to your wisdome, And lat this writ haif me hartle recommendit to my sister your bedfallo. And god haif yow in hiss keeping. of glengirvane the fourt of Julij 15606.—  
Be yowrs sister at powar to command,

Jonet Kennedy of Culzeane.

And commend me to the  
berniss hartlie.

To my best beluifit  
Broder alx<sup>r</sup> Wauss  
of Barnbarroch.

[This letter was probably meant to be dated 1566, but all except the first figure is doubtful. If so, the writer was probably a daughter of Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvan Mains, whose sister Alexander Waus' brother, Sir Patrick, had married, and so she calls him brother. Still she commends herself to the bairns, and Alexander Waus left an only daughter. How she

<sup>1</sup> Troubles.

<sup>2</sup> Cumult, accumulation.

<sup>3</sup> Penny.

could be "of Culzeane," and in such difficulties, does not appear in any family history to which the editor has had access.]

Letter from JOHN LUMSDEN of that ilk to Mr PATRICK WAUS,  
28th July 1560-67.

Traist freind, efter hartly commendatione, forsamekle as it will pleis yow to be of mynd of the hunder pundis quhilk ye ar awand me, prayand yow, for sic plesoure as I may do yow, that ye will gar delywer to this berer sa mony young oxin and ky as will extend to the hundreth pundis wpon sic prices as thai gif with yow. the occasione of this desyre is be rasone I man plenishe som rovm that I haue tane in my awin hand this yeir. traistand that ye will tak the painis to gar ansser this berer conforme to this my writting, and gif ye charge me ye sall find me rady to do yow plesoure as knawis god; quhome be your keper. of Ed<sup>r</sup>, the xxviij of July,

Be youris at power JOHNE  
LUMSDEN of that ilk.

To my trest frend  
persone<sup>1</sup> of wigtone.

[Alexander Waus, whose first wife, Lady Janet Kennedy, died on 8th June 1566, married on 3d December of the same year Euphame, daughter of Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum, who was left a widow in 1568. The following contract and other papers show the settlement between her and her brother-in-law, who succeeded to the estate.]

The Contract and Acquittance between SIR PATRICK WAUS and the LAIRD OF MOCHRUM and his SISTER-IN-LAW (Lady Barnbarroch), 10th August 1568.

[Seems to be in Sir Patrick's own hand.]

At Mochrum the x of August the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxviiij yeiris It is appontit, and finale endit, betuix effame Dunbar, lady barnebarrache, vyth the avyss and consent off Sir Jhone Dunbar of mochrum knyght on the ane parte, and Mr Patrik

<sup>1</sup> Written probably before he became Laird of Barnbarroch in 1568.



wauss of carscrev on the vthir, In maner as eftyr folloviss; That is to say the saidis effame vyth the advyss of hyr saidis fadyr sellis, and analeyss, to the said Mr Patrik saxtein novitt,<sup>1</sup> yoving<sup>2</sup> and old, for Lxiiij libis; XL cheip for xxx libis; xx b aittis for xiii libis vi ss viij<sup>d</sup>; iiij bs beyr for vi lib; togyddyr vyth (Lx) libis of dett In avyn to the saidis effame, as dett in avyn to hyr vmquhill husband the tyme of his deceyss, Extending In the haill to acht schoyr xiiij libis vi ss viii dss;<sup>3</sup> to be paytt to the saidis effame be the saidis Mr Patrik at the terme of sant Andross day nixt to cum, togydder vyth ane siluer piece. And alss the said Mr Patrik sall delyuer to the said Effame fovyrr schoyr scheip<sup>4</sup> Invyth iiij yeir aldis, togyddyr vyth xii gryitt<sup>5</sup> kye; thairof iiij forrow vyth stirekis, iiij vyth kavyss,<sup>6</sup> and iiij yeld, at beltan nixtocum; and alss sall delyuer to the saidis Effame xii dravane oxin betuix and beltan, as the saidis Effame vill requeyr, vyth ij horss and ii meris, fyve schoyr bs aittis and ten bs bayr, 1<sup>c</sup> troissis<sup>7</sup> strae, And this to delyuer for full contentatione and satisfaction of hyr thrid part of the geyr and dettis; viz<sup>t</sup> novit, naigis, scheip, corn, and beyr, and dettis, husald geyr, pertinand to hyr be the deceyss of vmquhill hyr husband. Seffand<sup>8</sup> full pouer to the saidis Mr Patrik to intromett and uplyfte hyr thryd part pertenand to hyr ony maner of vay; and alss the saidis Mr Patrick sall exoner and pay haill dettis that may be creiffit apou hyr be ressone of hyr office of executorie, excep me (I) of casillis chamerlances dett, and the abbot of Saulseitt, and sall releife hyr of the haill chairgis and expensis, that scho suld mak apou the vynyng of the cornis Iustantle apou the grvnd. Provydyng alwayss that the sellying of the terss foyrsaidis preiuge nocht ony rycht or tytill, that scho haiss to hyr vmquhill husbandis thrid, bot that scho may haife Ingress and ryht to the samyn, conforme to hyr saidis vmquhill husbandis testament. and bayth the saidis parteiss Is contentit that this presente appontment be registrat, and Inserit In the Sereffis and commissars buikis of vigtoun, and that executorialis pass heyr-apon, if neid beyss. In vitnes heyrof the saidis parteys, and tutor,

<sup>1</sup> Nowt.<sup>2</sup> Young.<sup>3</sup> £173, 6s. 8d.<sup>4</sup> Fourscore sheep.<sup>5</sup> Great.<sup>6</sup> Calves.<sup>7</sup> One hundred trusses.<sup>8</sup> Saving.



haiss subscriyvit this present with thair handis, day and plaice  
foirsaid, befoyr thir vitnes gavin Dunbar off baldone, Alex<sup>r</sup> Mayr  
In areovland, and Jhone hanyng with vtherss dyuerss all inter-  
lynyng and inmergenyng to be admittit.

Mr Patk Waws off Carscrev  
with my hand.

Agreement by which EUPHEMIA DUNBAR, Widow of ALEXANDER  
WAUS of Barnbarroch, sells her terce to Mr PATRICK  
WAUS, his Brother and successor.

Jesus.

At Mochrum, the tent day of agust, the yeir of god a thow-  
sand fywe hundreth thri schoir acht yeris. It is compromittit,  
and finaly agreit Betuix effame dunbar lady of barnebarrocht,  
with adwyss and consent of hir fader, ser Jhone dunbar of moch-  
rum, knyecht, on that ane parte; and maister patrik Wass of  
caskruocht, on that vther parte, In maner as efter followis;  
That is to say the foirsaid effame, be wertu of compromissioun,  
maekis knawin to all quhom It afferis, hir to haif sawll and  
analiit<sup>1</sup> to hir gud brother Maister patrik Wauss of caskruacht,  
the gudis and gaer vndirwrittin, quhilkis ar to say saxteine nolt  
youngar and older of hir thrid of nolt, fourti scheip of hir thrid  
of scheip, twenti bollis of attis of hir thrid of attis, fowr bollis of  
baer of hir thrid of baer, for the soume of awcht scoir thritteine  
poundis sax schellyngis awcht penniis, to be payit be the said  
maister patrik In ane haill soume at the fest of santandrois day  
nyxtocum to the said effame, hir aris, factoris, or assygnais, to  
gydder with ane of hir wnquhyell hisbandis syluer peicis; for  
the quhilk alianasioun, and sellyng of gudis and gaer abow  
wryttin, the foir said maister patrik Is compromittit, and be wertu  
of wortu comprimissioun bound, to delyuer to the said effame,  
or hir foirsaidis, fowrscoir scheipis Inwith fowr yeir auldis at  
beltane nyxtocum, to gydder with fowr forro<sup>2</sup> ky and thair  
styrkis, fowr tydy<sup>3</sup> ky and thair cawis,<sup>4</sup> fowr yeild<sup>5</sup> ky, and als  
the said maister patrik to delyuer to the said affame thritte

<sup>1</sup> Sold and alienated.

<sup>2</sup> Not in calf.

<sup>3</sup> In calf.

<sup>4</sup> Calves.

<sup>5</sup> Dry.

drawyng okin, twa horssis, twa meris, fiwe scoir bollis attis, ten bollis bier, ane hundreth threvis of attis stra, furth of the barnis of warnewarrenocht and barnebarrocht, to the said affame for hir foirsaidis ony tyme betuix and the said beltane, as scho or hir foirsaidis thynkis expedient: for the quhilkis okin, ky, scheip, nagis, corne, baer, stra, to be delyuerit be the said maister patrik to the said affame, In maner as saidis, the said affame, with the awyce of hir said fader, haldis hir weill contentit, assytit,<sup>1</sup> and payit, of all hir thrid of nolt, scheip, nagis, corne, baer, and dettis In awwand to the said affame, be wertu of hir wnquhyell hisbandis witsounday maellis last bypast; maell and corne be hym geifin owt to the faes, and sewin scoir markis Inawwene to my said hisband be hew maxwall and James kenedy, as my said hisbandis tasment beris; and alss the said affame grantis hir to be fullili contentit for all the haill inspreit gudis of barnbarracht, and frucht,<sup>2</sup> and that for awcht scoir ellis lennig,<sup>3</sup> and ane wab of blankatene, delyuerit to hir be the said maister patrik: and als the said maister patrik is boundin be wertu of this compromissione to exonor and releif the said affame of all maner of dettis and creweinis<sup>4</sup> that can be crevit of hir, owlder be resonne of offyce or Intromissione, except the dettis in awing to my (l) of cassillis chalmerlanis, and to the abbot of salset. for the quhilk the said affame geifis and grantis hir full place and powar to craue, seisie, seik, Intromet, and wptak, all hir thrid of nolt, scheip, nagis, corne, and baer, quhaireuer he can apprehend the samin, to gydder with hir part of the foirsaidis dettis and Inspertis, reserweyng all wder dettis pertenyng to hir be hir hisbandis deceiss to hir self, and specialye the aucht hundreth markis restand unpayit In my faderis handis; for the quhilk the said maister patrik sall maek the haill expensis and schargis of the scheryng, ledyng, and stakyng, of the grangis of fruch, warnewarnocht, and barnebarrocht; prowedyng alwayis that this samin contrak no wayis preuge the foirsaid affamis office of executore, or ony tytill or rycht that scho haifs to the half or hir wnquheill hisbandis thrid left to hir In tesment, or ony wder thingis the said affame haess rycht and tytill to, In

<sup>1</sup> Satisfied.<sup>2</sup> Freugh.<sup>3</sup> Linen.<sup>4</sup> Cravings, demands.

tesment or owt of tesment; bot that scho may craue and clame the samin, as gef this compremit had neuer bene maid. and for affirmacioun of this compremissioun boyth the saidis parteis ar contentit the samin be Inscherit In the commiseris, or serefis, buikis of wygtoun, and thair to haif the strencht of ane decreit, and ony of the foirsaidis Jugis awthoratiis. In wytnes of the quhilk boyth the saidis parteis haiss subscriwit this present contrak with thair handis, day, yeir, and place, foirsaid; and haess affermit the margenyng consernyng the part of (m) patrik wass as It haid bene vrytin In to the due place; Be foir thir wytnes, gawand dunbar of baldoune, archbald muir of ariuland, Jhone hanyng, with wderis dyuersis. Providing that the said (m) patrik haif full place to craif all restis of teyndis vith the rest of dettis, And that he salbe bwrdenit vith the thre scoir of bollis of aittis, and tuelwe oxin, menit to be in aving to the air of the frewch, bot for his awin part assuming all mergining, vndirvryting, and inter lynyng, as gyf they had bene vryttin in thair dew place.

I Ser John dunbar of mochrum, knycht. For my self and my dochter effame dunbar, lady of barnebarocht.

Contract between Mr PATRICK WAUS and EUPHEMIA DUNBAR,  
his Brother's Widow, anent an annuity for her in lieu of  
her terce, November 1568.

At Barnbarroch the            day of the moneth of nouember the  
yeir of god 1m v<sup>e</sup> thre scoir and aucht yeiris. It is appoyntit,  
concordit finalie, and aggreit, atuiX ane honorabill man, maister  
patrik Wauss of barnbarroch, on that ane part; And effame  
Dunbar, spous to vmquhill alex<sup>r</sup> Wauss of barnbarrach, on that  
vther part, in maner, forme, and effect, as eftir followis. That  
is to say the said effame dunbar resignis, renuncis, and ouergeif-  
fis, all and haill hir terce of landis and mylnis, pertening hir be  
decess of hir said vmquhill husband, to the said maister patrik  
wauss, his ayris, or assignais, to be broukit be him and his foirsaidis  
induring the said effame Dunbar lyfyme: ffor the quhilk the  
said maister patrik be vertew of this compromissione bindis

and obless him, his ayris, and assignais, to heretable infest be chartur and sesing the said effame in all and hail the four merkland of nedder sonenes, and twa merkland and ane half merkland of creochis, Lyand wythin the parochin of glenluce, and serefdome of wigtoun, induring hir lyftyme; to be haldin of the said maister patrik and his foirsaidis in few ferm for the yeirlye payment of <sup>1</sup> money, as he haldis the samin of my lord of cassyllis, wyth clauss of warrandice for the securitie thair of, as the said effame will devyss. And the said infestment and sesyng of the said effame in the foirsaidis landis to be vythin twenty dayis nixt eftir the dait heirof: And immediatlie thair-after the said effame sall sett in tak and assedatione to the foirsaid maister patrik Wauss and his foirsaidis, induring hir lyftyme, all and hail the foirsaidis landis of nedder sonenes, and creochis, for the yeirlye payment of sax scoir of merkis, vsuall money of this realm, to be payit at twa vsuall termis in the yeir, merteynness in vynter, and vitsonday, be equall portionis. The entre of the said maister patrik thairto, and fyrst termis payment for the samin landis, at merteinmess, in the yeir of god 1m v<sup>e</sup> thre scoir and aucht yeiris; And thaireftir to induyr yeir be yeir, and terme be terme, induring the said effame Dunbar lyftyme.

Attour the said maister patrik Wauss of barnbarach sall sett in tak, or rentall, to the said effame Dunbar all and hail the teyndis germalis, viz. teyndis parsonage of the sax merkland of the borlandis of Longcaster, and four merkland of culgarye, per-tening in coniunctfeftment to the said effame, for the yeirlye payment of twenty merkis money foirsaid, at termis aboue spei-feit. The entre of the said effame thairto in and to the crope of the yeir of god 1m v<sup>e</sup> thre scoir and aucht yeiris. And the said maister patrik sall varrand the foirsaid teyndis to the foirsaid effame for the yeirlye payment foirsaid at all handis haiffand, or sall clame, entres to the said teyndis in tyme to cum, induring the said effame dunbar lyftyme. And lykvyss the said maister patrik sall caus the myllar of Wauss myln to schyll,<sup>2</sup> and grynd, the hail cornis, malt, beir, aytis quhyte, yeirlye growand on the for-

<sup>1</sup> Blank in original.

<sup>2</sup> Sheal, to take the husks off seeds.



saidis landis of borland of Longcaster and culgarie, mvltir fre, induring the said effame Dunbar lyftyme, ffor the yeirlie payment be the occupyaris of the saidis landis, as the occupyaris thair of was in vse to pay to the myllaris and myln forsaid in tyme of vmquhyll alex<sup>r</sup> Wauss of barnbarroch. And als the said maister patrik and his forsaidis sall releif the said effame of all teyndis and mvltiris, that may be crayffit hir for the landis and mylnis of hir terce coniunctfeftment forsaid, And als the landis gevin hir in the parochin of glenluce for contentatione of hir terce; Except the twenty merkis money for the teynd schaffis of borland and culgarie. providing alwais that geif the said maister patrik or his forsaidis maik nocht termleie payment of the sovm of sax scoir merkis yeirlie in maner abone specifeit, bot postponis, and deferris, the said Effame fourty dayis efter the terme, Than and in that cace it salbe lesum to the said effame to poynd, intromit, and vplyft, ane haill yeiris fermis and dewteis of the saidis landis of sonones, and creochis, but ony proces of poynding, or comprising, at the mercat croce, conforme to the act of parliament, or contradicioun or impediment to be maid be the said maister patrik, his foirsaidis, or tennentis of the groundis, to the said effame, or ony haiffand hir place to poynd, or intromit wyth, the haill fermis and dewteis forsaid. And geif it salhappin the tennentis, or occupyaris, of the saidis landis to persew the said effame, or ony vther intromettour in hir name, for the intromissioun and poynding of the fermis and dewteis of the landis forsaidis, quhairby the said effame, or ony vther intromettouris thairwyth in hir name, incurris ony skayth, or apperance of danger, In that cace the said maister patrik bindis and oblessis him, and his forsaidis, to releyff, warrand, and keip skaythles, the said effame, and intromettouris in hir name thairwyth, fra all inconvenientis at the handis of the tennentis, or occupyaris, of the said ground, or ony vther persone that may impute falt thairto. And for obseruing, keping, and fulfilling of all and syndrie thir premissis baith the saidis parteis will that this present appoyntment be inserit in the sereff court buykis of wigtoun, and commissar buykis of wigtoun, respectiue, And the Jugis auctoritie to be interponit, and preceptis and executorialis

to pas thairvpon on the partie nocht kepan d at the instance of the partie keipand, in forme as efferis. In vitnes heirop baith the saidis parteis hes subscriuit the samin, viz. the said maister patrik vyth his hand, and the said effame be the notar vnder-virtin at hir command, becaus scho culd nocht writ, hir hand tuiching the pen; day, yeir, and place, forsaid, Before thir vitnes, archibald mwre in areullan, Ser loweis fryssall, minister of mochrum, John Dunbar, and william steill, wyth vtheris diuersis.

<sup>1</sup> And Sua Is thair to be payitt fre to the saidis Effame yeirlie Indvring hyr lyftim the soum of ane hundyreth merkis.

I peter m<sup>c</sup>ilwyane, notar public, at the command of the forsaid effame dunbar, hir hand tuiching the pen, wyth my hand.

[It was stated in the Introduction that Alexander Waus left an only daughter Helen, who was forcibly carried off from her uncle's house of Cascreugh, and married to Alexander M'Kie, son of Sir Archibald M'Kie of Merton. From the following papers and letters one may learn how an heiress was treated in those turbulent times. She seems to have been heiress to a two and a half mark land, called Drumjargan, which was unentailed, and of course to her father's personal property, if any. Immediately after her father's death, the gift of her ward and marriage was given to the Justice-Clerk, Sir John Bellenden of Auchnoul, who was her uncle's brother-in-law,<sup>2</sup> and he lost no time in enforcing his claims. But the Laird of Merton, Sir Archibald M'Kie, whose house was about seven miles from Barnbarroch, wished to obtain her fortune for his younger son Alexander, and that he was plotting to carry her off seems to have been suspected; for a letter by George Malcolm was written to put Mr Patrick Waus on his guard. The M'Kies broke into and plundered the house of Cascreugh on the 31st July 1568, and carried off Helen Waus, then eleven years of age. On the 7th September, when Sir J. Bellenden's procurator found his ward, she was at the Lochwood, the stronghold of the Johnstons, who were of the King's party, while her family's

<sup>1</sup> This is in a different hand.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 36, footnote.



friends were of the Queen's. All the witnesses to the notarial instrument then drawn up were Johnstons; and, although she had been carried off by the M'Kies nearly six weeks before, the procurator for Sir J. Bellenden still went through the form of offering her a choice of four eldest sons of good family in marriage, and on her refusal claimed the usual fine. The M'Kies were all put to the horn on 11th August for the robbery, and a further warrant against them was issued on 7th September, in which the abduction is mentioned. It had not been alluded to in the king's letter of 11th August. Alexander Stewart, younger of Garlies, wrote on 6th August, a week after the outrage, that he had been told by one of the M'Kies that his own father, the Laird of Garlies, and the Laird of Mochrum were both privy to what M'Kie called "his brother's enterprise." The warrant is followed by a letter from Alexander M'Kie, apologising, and wishing to make terms, and to be forgiven by the uncle. It is not dated, but was probably written in 1568. After this is inserted a discharge by Alexander M'Kie, dated in 1575, for 8350 merks in full of his wife's fortune. This concludes the history of this affair, and leads to the conclusion that a reconciliation had taken place. Two more letters of M'Kie's are given without date, in one of which he calls himself Mr Waus's son, and in the other his friend. It is likely from the addresses that these were both written before the end of 1575, when Mr Patrick Waus was appointed a Judge. The first, in which a Regent is named, must have been written before March 1577-8.

[It would appear from the amount of money and property which the M'Kies were accused of carrying away from Cascreugh (viz. : 8000 merks in money, and plate, jewels, etc., to the value of £3000), that the Laird of Barnbarroch was a man of wealth at that time. It was probably taken as his niece's tocher, and may have been repaid at or before the final settlement, although there is no record extant to that effect. There is a curious fact about this affair. There is in the charter chest at Barnbarroch a grant to Mr Patrick Waus of Cascreugh by Queen Mary (without date) of the ward and non-entry to his late brother's lands, and of

the marriage of Helen Waus, and also of the escheat of Alexander M'Kie, brother to Archibald M'Kie of Merton, because of his assisting James, Earl of Moray, in the down-casting of Lochinvar's place of Kenmure, and also for the treasonable "revesing of our lige and pupill Helene vauss." This document, which is in perfect preservation, has the word gratis in the Queen's hand under her signature, and on the back is written in a sixteenth century hand "ane singnatour for the layrde off Barnebarracht to be Subscryvit be the quenis ma<sup>te</sup> gratis." The Regent Moray cast down the place of Kenmure in June 1568, a month after the battle of Langside, and this deed of gift must have been signed by Queen Mary during her imprisonment in England, and it shows that Alexander M'Kie was acting on the Regent's or King's side.]

Procuratory by Sir JOHN BELLENDEN anent the Gift of the  
Marriage of HELEN WAUS, 28th July 1568.

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres me Ser Johne bellendene of auchinowle, knycht, donatour to the mariage of helyne wauss, air and dochtir to vmquhile Alexander wauss of barnbarroch, be virtu of our souerane lordis lettres of gift, with avyn consent and assent of James erle of murray, lord abiruthie, and Regent, vndir the priuie seall, of the dait at edy<sup>r</sup> the thretteyne day of Julii in the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> Lxviii yeiris, To haif maid, constitute, creat, and ordanit, and be thir present lettres maikis, constitutis, creatis, and ordanis, honorabill men, James makelellane of nuntoun, herbart Johnstoun seruand to maister patrik wauss of cascrew, . . . and ilk ane of thame, coniunctlie and seueralie, my verray lauchfull, vndouttit, and irreuocabill, actoris, factoris, procuratoris, and speciall messingerris, and erand beraris, Gevand, granttand, and committand, to my saidis procuratoris, and to Ilk ane of thame, in my name and vpon my behalf, my verry fre, plane, power, express bidding, and command, To pass to the personall presence of the said helyne wauss, air and dochtir to the foirsaid vmquhile alex<sup>r</sup> wauss of barnbarroch, quhateuir day and plase quhair scho may be apprehendit, and thair to compair and name to hir in my name, as donatour foir-

said, ane sufficient person, equall in bluide and leving to the said helyne, as salbe gevin to zer in boll.<sup>1</sup> and gif scho refusis, thairupon Instrumentis to ask, lyft, and raiss, and protest, as the law levis for the dowbill and tripill of the avail of hir mariage. And In speciell to nominat to hir vchreid m'dowell, sone and apperand air to vchreid m'dowell of gathland, willame makculloch, sone and apperand air to Symon m'culloch of myrtoun, Johne m'culloch, sone and apperand air to Johne makculloch of torhouss, and generale all and sindrie vthir thingis to do execute, use and <sup>2</sup> with I mycht do my self, and (an) I war personally present, ferme and stabill, vnder the pane and tynsall of all my gudes and vnmovabill, present and for to cum. In witnes of the quhilk thing I haif subseriuit this present procuratorie with my hand at edinburgh, the xxvii day of Julij, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>e</sup> Lxviii yeris, befor thir vitnes, Johne grahame, parson of sanddy, James purdie, kyntyre persuivant, and willame Inglis, with utheris diversis. Ser Johne bellenden

wyth my hand.

Endorsed

The gift off helein Wauss  
mariage and off the ward  
off Drumjargane.

Letter from GEORGE M'COME (MALCOLM) to Mr PATRICK  
WAUS of Barnbarroch.

Traist honorabill ser, efter hartlie commendacioun to lat yow vit at<sup>3</sup> the lard of blacan is cumm to cutreich this last tysday at ewin, and his ladie; at<sup>3</sup> thay convenit this last tursday the lard of mortoun<sup>4</sup> and sandie m'kie to ga to sum purpus, that is other to cum apone vs, to pure us,<sup>5</sup> or else vpone your self: for that tak guid tent to all thing as your visdome thinkis, ffor thay will gang to sum purpos schortlie. for that vrit

<sup>1</sup> Indistinct in original.

<sup>2</sup> Illegible.

<sup>3</sup> That.

<sup>4</sup> Sir Archibald M'Kie of Merton, or Myretoun.

<sup>5</sup> To impoverish or rob us. Doubtful in original.

to me quhat<sup>1</sup> vill haue me doand in all Lucis,<sup>2</sup> and I vilbe as  
ernist as I doo or may. And nocht ellis bot god haue yow in  
his keiping.

I gorg m<sup>c</sup>come  
at all pouer.

[The writer of the following letter was the son of Sir Alexander Stewart of Garlies, who was a Privy Counsellor, and had been Ambassador to Henry VIII. He survived this son, who was killed on 2d September 1571 in the surprise of Stirling by Buccleugh and others. He had married Catherine, daughter and co-heiress of Lord Herries, several of whose letters will be found hereafter.]

Letter from ALEXANDER STEWART of Garlies, Younger, to Mr  
PATRICK WAUS of Barnbarroch, 6th August 1568.

Eftir my harte commendations unto you, right speciall eyme, this present is to advertise you that Pete M<sup>c</sup>Kee was dissyrus to spek with me, and to that effect dissyrid my assurance, and becauss the said young man is sum part opin in his commoning, I thocht it meit to spek with him. eftir lang resoning I requerid him whow he durst interpryss oney sek matter, considering that ye ware ane speciall frind of our houss—his answer was that the Larde my father was prevey to the interpryss or<sup>3</sup> it was takein upon hand, and tharfor thai did no thing without thar masteris advyss. this was planle spokein be the said Pate M<sup>c</sup>Kee in presence of myself, and Wilzelm Cokburne, servand to the lard of Skerling, Tomas Hanney of Keponach, Habbe Maxvell, Robart Wallace in Drumbark, and dyveris uderis; and becauss of this report forsaid my counsell is that ye causs the lard my father to conveyin befor certane of his frindis, and burdin him what will be his part concerning this acione of youris, and, gewe he will mantein your causs, dissyr him to declare the sam befor the frindis that shalbe conveyin for the tyme; for I assure

<sup>1</sup> "Yow" is probably omitted.

<sup>2</sup> This word may be a contraction for "letteris," or it may mean the parishes of Old and New Luce, in the former of which was the house of Cascreugh, which was threatened.

<sup>3</sup> Before.

you Pate M<sup>c</sup>Kee hes spokein to dyveris of my servandis, and says planele that the lard my father, and the lard of mochrum, ware beth prevey to his broderis interpryss. what ye haif to requer beth of the tene and the vder<sup>1</sup> your vesdome knavis the best tharof. I am advertisid that Sande M<sup>c</sup>Kee is to ryde shortle in Galloway, tharfor I think it best that ye remane in Barnbaroch with your sarvandis and haif tham in redenes, for gewe I can haif worde at you or his cumming ovir Krei I sall nocht faill god willing to send you word, and sall oudir haif him, or ellis he sall have me. I will nocht truble you with farder vretting, bute committis yow to the proteccione of the eternall god, who haif you in his blessed keiping—vritin from Dals(wentoun) the vi day of August 1568 be youris eyme at pouer.

Alexander Steuart  
of Garleis, Younger.

To my Speciall Eyme  
Mr Patrek Vauss of  
Barnbaroth.

The KING's Letters, etc., against M<sup>c</sup>KIES of Myretoun M<sup>c</sup>Kie, and Others, for breaking into and plundering Mr PATRICK WAUS's house of Cascreugh, 11th August 1568.

James be the grace of god king of scottis To our louittis Andro Bannatyn etc. greeting. fforsamekle as It is humlie menit and schowin to ws be our louit Maister patrik Waus of carscrufe That g<sup>r</sup> ar<sup>d</sup> M<sup>c</sup>ke of myretoun m<sup>c</sup>ke, alx<sup>r</sup> m<sup>c</sup>ke, and patrik M<sup>c</sup>ke his brother, duncane m<sup>c</sup>ke burges of quhiterne, Johne m<sup>c</sup>ke sone to Issobell mwre in torhous Meggis, sande m<sup>c</sup>ke, als sande duncane, Johnne boig howshaldman and seruand to the said lard of myretoun m<sup>c</sup>ke, vyth thair complices, with conuocation of oure liegis bodin in feir of wair, Recentlie vpoun the last day of Julii lastbipast, in tyme of wacance, Come to the said maister patrikis place of carscruf, lyand within oure serefdome of wigtoun, And thair in his absence, vndir silence of nycht, brak up sevin burdin dueris<sup>2</sup> of his said place, and perforce enterit

<sup>1</sup> The one and the other.

<sup>2</sup> Seven boarded doors.



thairin, and maisterfulie and violentlie reft, spulyeit, and away-tuke furth of his cofferis within the samen place in gold and silver, cunyeit and uncunyeit,<sup>1</sup> The sowme of aucht thowsand merkis ; In goldein work sic as chenyies, beltis, ringis, braislettis, taiblettis, tergettis, perlis, and pretious stanis, To the valour of twa thowsand pundis ; Togidder with his haill siluer work to the valour of ane thowsand markis ; with all and sindrie evidentis<sup>2</sup> pertening to vmquhyle Alex<sup>r</sup> wauss of barnebarroth his broder and him, Than being in his possessioun as his proper gudis, and withhaldis the samyn fra him as yit. ffor the quhilk caus the said Maister patrik hes raisit our vtheris lettres ffor calling of thame to underly our Lawis at ane certane peremptor day, and lykwyiss for spoliatioun of the samyn gudis in maner foirsaid. Quhilkis persones, as the said complener is informit, befor ony proces or decrete be vsit aganis thame be virtew of oure saidis vtheris lettres, intendis to sell, annalie, dispone, and put away thair haill gudis, geir, Landis, rentis, possessionis, and vtheris pertening to thame, and to mak prime assignationis, resignationis, and dispositionis thair of in defraud of the said M<sup>r</sup> patrik anent his intentit caus foirsaid, Swa that he salbe alluterlie<sup>3</sup> frustrat of all payment or restitutionn of his gudis and geir foirsaid, albeit he obtene decrete in the premissis, without we and the Lordis of oure counsale prowde remeid as is allegit. Oure Will is heirfore, and we charge you strictlie and commandis, that incontinent thir oure lettres sene, ye pas and in oure name and auctoritie be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of our burcht of Vig-toune, and vtheris places neidfull, Command and charge all and sindrye our liegis That nane of thame tak vpoun hand To by, ressave in wodsett keping tak, or vthervyiss sell the saidis persones ony thair cornis, cattell, insyt<sup>4</sup> gudis, or geir quhatsumeuer, pertening to thame, Or yit ressave ony assignationis, resignationis, or dispositionis, vpoun ony thair landis, rentis, or possessionis, in defraude of the said complener, as said is, with certificatioun to thame, and thai do in the contrar, the samen salbe haldin of nane awale, force, nor effect, according to the lawis of our realme, and conforme to iustice, as ye will anser to ws thair-

<sup>1</sup> Coined and uncoined.<sup>2</sup> Title deeds.<sup>3</sup> Utterly.<sup>4</sup> Furniture.



upoun. The quhilk to do we commit to you, coniunctlie and seueralie, our full powar be thir our lettres, deliuering thame be you dewlie execute, and endorsit agane to the berare. Gevin vndir our signet At edinburcht, the xi day of august, and of our Regne the second yeir.

Ex deliberatione dominorum consilii.

J. Bannatyne.

Endorsed

Letteris vpon the m<sup>c</sup>kies for revesing helein wauss.

#### NOTARIAL INSTRUMENT, 6th September 1568.

At the Lochwood, the saxt daye of September, yeir of god ane thousand fif hundreth thre scoir and aucht yeiris, and of or souerane lordis Regne the first yeir.

The quilk daye personally comperit ane honorable man, James M<sup>c</sup>Clellane of the Nuntoun, procurator to ane noble man, Ser Johnne Ballenden of Auchinuole knycht, as the said James lettres of procuratory playnly and oppinlye wes red, writtin at edinburcht the xxvij of Julij, of the yeir of god ane thousand v<sup>c</sup> lxxvij yeris, and subscriuit with the hand of the said Ser Johnne Bellenden knycht, as the said procurator allegit. And thair the said James M<sup>c</sup>Clellane, procurator forsaid, passit to the personall presens of Helene Wauss, air to vmquhill Alexander Waus of Barnbarroch, and causit me notar vndervrittin to reid in presens of the said Heleyne, and witnes vndervrittin, ane copy of our soueranis lordis lettres, gevin vnder the pryve seill (as said procurator allegit), copiit and subscriuit be the hand of Herbert Andersoun notar, daitit at Edinburcht the threttein daye of Julij, yeir of god ane thousand fif hundreth thre scoir and aucht yeris, as the said copy of our soueranis letteris mair fullyle proportis; And thair in presens of the said Helene and vitnes vnder namyt schew that the said Ser Johnne Bellenden off Auchinuole Knycht, wes donator, and had be gift of our souerane lord the ward, of all and haill the tua merk land and ane half of auld extent of the landis of Drumlargane, with the pertinentis, liand within parochin of Kirkkynner and the Shirefdom of Vigtoun, pertenant to vmquhill Alexander Waus

of Barnbarroch, and now throw his decess perteneing to our said souerane, quhill the lauchtfull entre of air or airis entre of the said vmquhill Alexander, being of lauchtfull aige, with releif thairof quhen it salhappin, with all malis, fermes, proffettis, and deueteis thairof, of all termes bigane and to cum, quhill the lauchtfull entre of air or airis perteneing to the said vmquhile Alexander, Togidder with the mariage of Helene Vaus, air to the said vmquhill Alexander, with power to the said donator to dispoine thairvpoun at his plesour, as at mair lentht is contenit in the said copy of our souerane lordis lettres of Gift. The said James M<sup>c</sup>Clellane procurator forsaid gaif the said Heleine to choiss quhydder scho wald mary ane thir foure personis wnder-writtin, equall to hir in leving and bluyd, that is to saye Wthreid M<sup>c</sup>Dowgall, sone and apperand air to Wthreid M<sup>c</sup>Dowgall of Gartland, Andro Agknew, sone and apperand air to Patrik Agknew shireff of Wigtoun, Williame M<sup>c</sup>Cullocht, son and apperand air to Symon M<sup>c</sup>Cullocht of Mertoun, or Johnne M<sup>c</sup>Cullocht, son and apperand air to Johnne M<sup>c</sup>Cullocht of Torhous; the quhilkis personis the said Heleine refusit to tak ony of thaym in mariage. Quhairfor the said James, procurator forsaid, protestit in the saidis donatoris nayme, and his assignais, for the doubill and tribill of hir mariage; vpone the quhilkis, all and syndrie the premissis, the said James, procurator aboue vrittin, of me, notar publict under specifit, askit ane instrument. Done about tuelf houris at nvine, daye, yeir, moneth, and plaiss, and yeir of our souerane lordis Regne, aboue vrittin, Befoir thir vitnes, honorabill men; Johnne Johnnstoun of that ilk, James Johnstoun of Corry, Johnne Johnstoun of Gretno, Dauid Johnstoun in the Clairquhite, Herbert Johnnstoun, ser-vand to Mr Patrik Waus of Gascrew, and Duncane M<sup>c</sup>Kee, witnes to the premissis, askit and Requirit.

Ita est Dauid Mayne Notarius in premissis Teste mea manu per dictum procuratorem requisitus.

[On the back]

Ane Instrument q<sup>r</sup> Heline Vauss refuissit ane mariag conforme to the kingis gift.

Warrant against M<sup>c</sup>KIE and Others, Abductors of HELEN  
WAUS, 7th September 1568.

James be the grace of god king of Scottis To our lovittis  
messingeris our sheriffis in that parte, conjunctlie and seviralie, specialie constituit greting. Forsamekle  
as it is humlie menit and schewn to ws be our lovittis Helene  
waus, dochter and air of lyne of umqle Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus of berno-  
barroch, Mr Patrick Waus of carscrufe, hir tutour, lawfull ad-  
ministrator, and governor principalie, and our wellbelovit famil-  
liarre clerk and counsalour Maister Johnne Spens of condye,  
our advocat, That Sir Archibald M<sup>c</sup>Ke of myrrtoun M<sup>c</sup>Ke, patrick  
M<sup>c</sup>Ke his brouter, Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Ke burges of quhithorne, Johnne  
M<sup>c</sup>Ke, sonne to Issobell mure in torhouss megge, sande M<sup>c</sup>Ke,  
also sande duncane, Johnne boig, houshald man and servand  
to the said lard of myretoun, Johnne M<sup>c</sup>kene in glesnok, Johnne  
forsyt, archebald forsynt his bruther, John M<sup>c</sup>Morrye, and fergus  
kyn[er]came wer orderlie denunceit our rebellis, and putt to  
our horne, be virtew of our utheris lettres in default of finding  
of sowerte to underlye our lawis for arte and parte of the cuming  
be way of hamesuckyn to the said Mr Patrikis duelling place  
of Carscrufe, and in his absence, with convocation of our liegis,  
bodin in feir of weir, In maist awfull and crewale maner assegit  
his wyfe with the said Helene and utheris his servandis thair-  
intill for thair slauchteris, And thaireftir perforce bruk up the  
durris thairof, enterit thairin, and maisterfulie reft and revesit  
the said Helene, being ane pupill within the age of (xi yeris),  
had her away with thame, and as yet hauldis and usis hir in  
thraldome and captivitie at thair plesor; and als thiftuouslie,  
be way of stouth reift,<sup>1</sup> undir silence of nycht, reft and away-  
take furth of his cofferis, in gold and silver merkis, the sowme  
of aucht thowsand merkis, togidder with his hail goldin  
and silver work, jewells, insyght,<sup>2</sup> and utheris to the valor of  
three thowsand punds, as at mair lenth is contenit in our  
utheris lettres directed thairupoun. And sen the denuncia-  
tioun of the foirsaidis persones our rebellis Thay at all tymes,  
and as yit, hantis, frequentis, and repairis within, the said toun

<sup>1</sup> Theft with violence.

<sup>2</sup> Furniture.

of wigtoun, gangis and resortis in kirkis, mercaitis, and all utheris pairtis and places of the cuntre, as thai wer our free lieges; and swa, not regardand our auctoritie, continewis in thair rebellion and wikkitness in hie and manifest contemptioun of our lawis, as is allegit. Oure will is heirfoir, and we charges yow straitlie and commandis that, incontinent thir our lettres sene, ye pass, and in our name and auctoritie, command and charge oure sherreffis of Air, Wigtoun, and Drumfreiss, and thair deputtis, Stewartis of Kirkcudbryth, Annirdaill, and provest and baillies of our burrowis of Air, Drumfreiss, and Wigtoun, and utheris, within quhais bounds our saidis rebellis sall happen to be or repair for the time, To serche, seik, and tak thame quhair ewir thai may be apprehendit within the boundis of thair officis, and to bring and present thaim to our iustice and his deputtis, To be puneist for thair demeritis; And, gyf ony of thame happeneis to pas to strengthis or howsis, To lay segis thairto; And that thai conuocat and assemble our lieges to that effect, and gif thai refuiss to be taken, and in taking happennis to be slane, hurt, or woundit, our saidis sherriffis, stewartis, baillies, nor utheris thair sutaris<sup>1</sup> sall not incur danger nor skayt in thair persons, landis, nor gudis, nor be callit criminalie nor ciuilie thairfor in tyme cuming; And that ye charge our said sherriffis, thair deputtis, stewartis, prowrestis, and baillies of our burrowis thairto under the pane of tinsale<sup>2</sup> of thair offices, and to be repute and holden as plain assistaris and part-takeris with our saidis rebellis in thair rebellioun, and salbe callit and persewit thairfoir at particular dyettis as acordis; And also that ye in our name and auctoritie command and charge all barronis, gentilmen, and freehoulderis within the said boundis To assist and concur with our saidis sherriffis, stewartis, and utheris foirsaidis, in taking and presenting our said rebellis, as said is, under the pane to be callit as assistaris with them in thair rebellioun, and callet and persewit in our name foirsaid, as ye will answer to us thairupoun. Becaus the lordis of our counsale hes sene our utheris lettres of hoirning deulie execute and indorsit, As ye will answer to ws thairupoun; The quhilk to do we commit

<sup>1</sup> Sute, a following; sutar, follower.

<sup>2</sup> Loss.



to you coniunctlie and severalie our full power be thir our  
lettres, delivering thaim to yow dewlie registrat and indorsit  
agane to the berare. Given under our signet, At Edinburcht,  
the sevent day of September, And of our regne the second yeir.  
Ex deliberatione dominorum consilii. J. Bannatyne.

Letter from ALEXANDER M'KIE of Balseir to Mr PATRICK WAUS  
of Barnbarroch. [Holograph.]

Ry<sup>t</sup> honorable Sir, eftir my hartlie commendatioun, geif I be  
war swir that my recommendatioun wad be resaut hartfulle,  
albeit I haif not desaruit the same, bot I taik god to witnes  
quhidder I was myndit to mend the gret offens I haue com-  
myttit to yow or nocht, Albeit that my fryndis was slewthtfull  
to maik sik offiris to yow as I commandit thame, and for laik of  
thair diligens ye did schame to my brother in the mene tyme,  
quhilk neuer had wyit<sup>1</sup> of the thing I commyttit to yow; bot I  
neuer culd wyit<sup>1</sup> yow to haue done your wttir power to me for  
that thing I did, for I desaruit it weill; bot with goddis grace I  
sall mend that to your honour as ye will deuyis, and all thingis  
being mendit to your honour, I purpois with goddis grace to  
stand yow in as guid steid as ye had gottin sum grettar allye.  
and farder Ser ye sall wit I desyrit ane serwand of youris to  
speik sum thing to yow in my name, quha schew me your guid  
mynd towardis me albeit I haue not desaruit it, as I said befor.  
And ye schew me at<sup>2</sup> the prensipall poynt of your desyir was  
to speik with your brother dochter, to se quhow scho is content  
with me, and, Ser, geif that may satife your honour or your will,  
ye sall haue that; and apoynt ye the place, quhen or quhair ye  
pleis, I sall bring hir to the hillis, or to the wattir of de,<sup>3</sup> or wr,<sup>4</sup>  
or to the ferre,<sup>5</sup> or quhar your m thinkis gud, bot I will neuer  
put hir in the handis of ony in galway for sik caussis as I sall  
schaw yow, geif euer god fortounnis ws to speik togidder, quhilk  
ye sall think resonabill. and farder, geif I war assurit at<sup>2</sup> ye  
waid keip my writ in secreit, I wad writ mair nor I dar as this

<sup>1</sup> Blame.<sup>2</sup> That.<sup>3</sup> Dee.<sup>4</sup> Urr.Ferry, *i.e.* over the Cree, near Wigtown.



tyme faillis; And farder I desyr yow to cast away the grwge at<sup>1</sup> ye had at me owt of your mynd, for deuiss ye the way quhow I may mend it and I salbe content. And farder, Ser, geif ye be the man that your seruand allegeis that waid my weill, geif your honour war restorit, aduerteiss me in wret bayth of your gud counsall, and your haill mynd towardis me; quhow your M waid I wsit my self bayth to your honour and my weill. And farder, Ser, I taik god to witnes quhudder it yid far in my haycht<sup>2</sup> or nocht the offence at<sup>1</sup> I commyttit to yow, albeit the counsall of men, and sik as regardis Lytill the eftireum of it, gar me interpryiss that mater agane my will, bot thair is na thing of that natar, bot of twa ewillis to taik best. I desyr yow rycht affectusle at<sup>1</sup> ye waid not discryue my wretting to na creator, Lik as I sall keip counsall in the wther hand. And aduerteiss me in wret with this berar quhat ye waid be at, nocht ellis, bot god haue yow in keeping. be youris may be at the Lenth quhen god plessis. Allr m<sup>c</sup>kee.

To the honorable and my frynd may be At Lenth albeit sum waid the contrar.

Maister Patrik waus off barmbarouch.

Discharge by ALEXANDER M<sup>c</sup>KIE to MR PATRICK WAUS  
for 8350 merks, 17th May 1575.

Be It kend till all men be thir present lettres me Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee in quithillis,<sup>3</sup> with consent and assent of Helene Wauss my spous, grantis us to haiff resavit fra ane rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> man, Mr patrik Wauss of Barnbarach, the sowme of auchte iij hundreth and fyftie merkis gude and usual money of Scotland, in haill and compleit payment of all landis, wadsettis, airship, gudis, heritage, sowmes of money, dettis, guddis, and geir whatsumever, pertaining to me the said Helene, or that I mycht craiff or ask ony maner of way throwe the decess of umquhile Alex<sup>r</sup> Wauss of barnbarach my father, and Jonete Kennedy my modir, odir be airship, or be wertew of office of executerie of the saidis umquhile Alex<sup>r</sup> and Jonete, or yit throwe legacie of thaim; of

<sup>1</sup> That.

<sup>2</sup> Oath.

<sup>3</sup> Whitehills.

the quhilk sowme for the caussis above expremit, and in haill and compleit payment of all maner of rycht and actioun pertaining to me as said is, we grant ws weill content, and thankfully payit, conforme to the tenor of ane contract maid betwix us on the ane parte, and the said Mr Patrik on the uther part, of this dait, At Edin<sup>r</sup> the fyftyne day of Maij in the yeires of God ane thowsand five hundreth thre scoir and threttein yeiris, and registrat in the buikis of the commisseris at Wigtown; exhonouris, quitlaimes, and dischargis the said Mr Patrik, his airis, exors, and assign<sup>s</sup>, ffor vs, our airis, exors, and assignaris thairof, for now and ewir mair, but fraud or gyle. In Witness heirof we haiff subscriyuit this present acquittance and discharge with our handis as followis, at Wigtown the xvii day of May in the yeir of God 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> threscoir fyftein yeris. Befoir thir vitnesis, Aley<sup>r</sup> Wauss, burges in quhitthorne, James Haden, Johnne M<sup>c</sup>Morrane, clerk, and Sir Herbert Andersone, notar publict, with utheris diuersis.

I allex M<sup>c</sup>Kie vith my hand.

Letter by ALEXANDER M<sup>c</sup>KIE to Mr PATRICK WAUS.

Rycht honorabill Ser, efter my hartlie commendatioun and seruice, ye sall wit that my lord Justice clark dois mekill for me for your causs, and vill get me my remissioun or I cum hame, thairfor ser ye may send me out thre hundrith merkis of mony for the samyn, and lat na man ken at I am apointtit exsep my wyif. and siklik ser the regent hes bene varray fawarabill to me for your requesting quhen ye var present. I pray yow send ane wretting to thank the Justice clark for his gudness to me. Ser ye may send the siluer vith sum sacreit traist hand, and gar it cum vith als gret delegece as ye may. for godis causs confort my vyif. I vas in haist ser at the vritting of this, for my lord regent send me ane messag, quhilk I sall gar your M know at our meting. nocht ellis, bot I may prayss god at I had your M to do for me at this tyme, quhilk, geif I haif ane lyif, sall nocht be for yet. commend me to your bedfallow.—Be youris sone to my pouer,

Alex m<sup>c</sup>ke.

To the rycht honorabill and my father

M patrik vauss of barnbarroch.

Letter from ALEXANDER M'KIE of Balseir to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Rycht traist frynd, eftir hartle commendation, I have sene your letter declaring that ye wret to me befor, desyring me to be at poynt with yow anent Jhames Kenady; as for anser I knaw na thing at I haif ado with yow twyching Jhames Kenady; bot as consarning my kyndlie roun, quhilk ye haif bocht, there is na thing I aucht to do to yow thereanent bot I salbe willing to satefie yow acording to resone, and meins nocht ye salbe any losar at our handis, and to that affec is content to meit yow in Wigtoun, or Kirkynner, or quhat place ye will apoynt, owthir moninday or tyisday apon your aduerteissment, or ony uther day ye vill apoynt; and your anser in wret with the berar quhat day ye apoynt, or quhat place. nocht ellis to meting.—youris frynd at power,

Alex<sup>r</sup> M'Ke of  
Balseir.

be w<sup>c</sup> skant of pepar.

To the Honorabill and my Lowing frynd  
the Lard of barnbarroch this geif.

[Lord Glamis was brother-in-law to Gilbert, fourth Earl of Cassillis, who had married his sister Margaret Lyon; and the occasion of this letter was, that on the preceding day, 19th August, Cassillis was forfeited for having treasonably conspired against the King at the battle of Langside. Glamis writes to Barnbarroch as the manager of the earl's affairs. The following extracts from the Records of Parliament show that the friends took his advice without delay. On 24th August, the Laids of Blairquhan, Barganye, Cloncaird, Paul Reid, burgess of Air, etc., "Protestit that the foirfaltour of the Erle of Cassillis prejuged nocht thame nor nane of them;" and on 17th November 1569, "My Lord Regent declarit that my Lord Cassillis hes maid dew obedience to the Kingis grace, and has thairfoir ordanit him to be deletit furth of the Summondis."]

Letter from JOHN, LORD GLAMIS, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
20th August 1568.

Eftir my maist hartlye commendatioun, eftir the cumming of this berar to this toun, I spak with my lord regent for the contenwatioun of my l forfaltour, quhom I fand as faworable I as wald haf luikit for, as my lord will knaw quhom throuch better he sall desserne better as his grace haudis. ye knaw It wilbe esye to forfalte, but harde enuch to remede It; quhowbeit my lord regent wes willing thairto herefter; Therfoir I thocht It my dewtey to put yow his frendis In remembrance herof, quhom I will pray to gif my lord regent consall in sik sort that his houss, quhilk hitherto hes neur bene In danger, may eschew the forfalte, quhilk, but the performance of his dewtey to the kingis ma<sup>te</sup>, and his g regent, wilbe hard to do, and harder to be helpit herefter. I nede to writ na forder at this tyme, nocht dowing but the luf of my l houss will mowe yow to se to the weill thairof. I wald be aduertest planely In writ quhat I may promess In my lordis name, and haist the berar, for It wilbe hard to get langer contenwatioun. from Ed<sup>r</sup>. this xx of August 1568.—Be youris assurit freind,

Jhon l. glammiss.

To the hono<sup>ll</sup> and my speciale  
frend the lard of barnbarow.

Letter from the REGENT MORAY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
23d April 1569.

Traist freind, efter maist hertlie commendatioun We vnderstand that certane futemen and horsemen ar presentlie cum in galloway, direct be the Lord Flemyngis, quhilkis intendis or ar alreddy assegeing the hous of Crugiltoun, pertening to our brother<sup>1</sup> the Commendator of Quhithorne. And sen the attemptat is sa manifest, and committit vnder the tyme of comoning, We pray yow maist effectuuslie, as ye will euir schaw ws plessers and guidwill, That with all possible diligence ye

<sup>1</sup> Lord Robert Stewart, afterwards created Earl of Orkney.

convene your kin, freindis, and seruandis, and all that will do for you, and releve our said brother of the said assege; And persew the authouris thair of with all hostilitie, for the quhilk ye salhaue sic warrand as ye will think ressonable, and this we assuritlie lippen for at your handis, as euir ye will deserue our guidwill and kyndnes. Thus We commit you to God. At Edinburgh, the xxij of Aprile 1569.—In traist your assurit freind,

James Regent.

To our traist freind

the Laird of Barnbarrauch.

Letter from REGENT MORAY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
29th April 1569.

Traist freindis, efter our hartlie commendationis, It is nocht vnknewin to yow how the ministeris of your cuntrey hes this lang tyme bygane wantit thair stipendis, and drevin thairthrow to povertie. the occasioun of thair grite trublis that hes laitlie bene, quhairthrow thei ar nocht abill to serue thair cuir withoute remeid be provydit thairto. Quhairfor, havand confidence of your gude mynd and will, that ye beir to the glorie of God, and furthering of the progres of Christis evangell, We haue ordanit this berare, Hendrie Smyth collectour, to resort to yow, Quhome we desyre effecteouslie not allanerlie to pay to him samekill as ye ar addettit in your self, bot alsua that ye will concur, assist, and fortifie him to the payment of all vtheris restand awand within thay boundis, sa far as possible ye may, quhilk we doubt nocht bot ye will do the erar for thisoure request. And God haue yow in his keiping. Off Striueling, the penult day of Aprile 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lxix yeiris.

James Regent.

To our traist freind  
the Laird of barnebarrocht.

Letter from QUEEN MARY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
4th June 1569.

Traist Freind, We greit yow weill. Forsamekill as in tymes



bypast we haif ewer aduertisit yow be our letteris of our proceidingis with the Quene of England, our gude sister, nocht say amply as we wald haif done be ressonne of the discommovitie of passage hes bene betuix thir realmes, bot at the leist of the gude opinione we hade of the resolutioun thair of; And now Our traist consigne and counsalour my Lord Boyd, ane of our Commissioneris towart our said gud sister, being returnit fra hir and hir counsale, We haif depeschit him with thir presentis in our realme to declair vnto yow the verraye treuth and gud estait of our affaires, and our mynde in all thingis: Quhilk becaus of his sufficiency we wald not wryt amply; Bot referring the same to him, quhome ye sall credeit as ourselff, Committis yow to God. Off Wingfeild, the iiij daye of Junij 1569.

To our traist freind  
the Laird of barnbarroch.

Marie R.

Letter from JAMES HAMILTON<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
probably August 1569.

Richt assurit freind, efter verie hairty commendations, I resewit your lettir, quhair I persaeue ye haue bin euil at eise, quhilk I repent from my hairt, bot I am glaid that ye ar sumthing conuolesit. as concerning your halk, ye sal resaeue him from this birer acording to my promise; sue assuring you that I haue nether halk, nor any other geir, bot it sal be at your plesur, besiking you to estem of me as ane of special freindis, asuring you that I vil esteim the lyk of you. I pray you remember my hairty commendations to my Lord of casillis,<sup>2</sup> and the Mr;<sup>3</sup> committis you to god.—Your Louing freind at pouer,

from hamilton

James Hamilton.

the xx of agust.

[On back]—The Lord hammiltounis letter to me.

<sup>1</sup> This letter is most probably from James, second Earl of Arran and first Duke of Chatelherault, who died 22d January 1574-5. He was Regent of Scotland 1542-1554.

<sup>2</sup> Gilbert, fourth Earl, who succeeded in 1558.

<sup>3</sup> The Master was Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzean.

[William Maitland, younger of Lethington, had been Secretary to the Council from 18th October 1561, on which day his name first appears in that capacity. On 2d September 1569 he was accused of being "airt and pairt of the slauchter of the kingis fader his maister," and was imprisoned in the Castle of Edinburgh. He remained there till its surrender in August 1573, and he would have been sent to the scaffold with Kirkaldy of Grange, if he had not committed suicide.]

Letter by W. MAITLAND to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
27th October 1569.

Efter my hertlie commendatioun, I dout nocht bot ye haue hard how I wes calumniousle delatit at Striveling, be ane Thomas Crawford, allegeing him self to haue commissioun frome the E of Lenox, as giltie of the king his sones murther, quhairin, as my awin conscience beirs me record of innocence, sa I trust na man that hes considerit my behauior and proceidingis in tymes past, as weill sen the begyning of this caws as of befor, will suspek me. I haue summoned all parteis hawand interest to compeir in this burgh the xxi of november nixtocum to produce againis me quhatsumewer mater thay can in that behalf; quhilk day my lord regent hes appointed for my triall. I haue in lyk maner according to the custom [requeistit] my freindis, and sic as will do for me, to be present at the said day to se that I haue iustice. Quhairfor I maist affecteouslie dessyr yow to tak the panes to be heir the xx day of the said moneth, accompanied substantiousle with your freindis and servandis, that I may haue your counsall and assistance in my iust caws, quhilk I sall craue na farder nor iustice, and the honestie of my mater, vill perm[it yow] to do of your honor. It is the wechtiest caws that ewir I haid to do, in sa far as thairvpon [dependis] my lyff, and my land, and that quhilk [I] estime mair then thame bayth, my honor. And thairfor I trust I haue nocht maid sa ewill caws to my freindis in times past, that ony of thame will refuse me. It will pleis yow to send me ansser again with the bearar. and sa I commit yow

to the protectioun of god. from the castell of Edr the xxvii  
day of october 1569.—Youris assurit to my vter powar,  
W Maitland.

To my werrie guide frend the  
Laird of barnebarrothe.

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 6th February 1569-70.

Rycht honorable, efter my h[artlie commendatioun], ye sall  
wit I resaut your vriting schawand that I wrait to [yow in  
E]dinburcht In andro hannayis faouris, to conteneue the violence  
of [<sup>1</sup> ]rane; And desyris me to vrit to my bruther  
nocht to be sa [h<sup>1</sup> ]. ye knaw I wrait to yow that  
I haid laubourt ane assurance at that the maist part of the  
differance by<sup>2</sup> thair bluid was about the nychtbourheid of ane  
pleuche that pertenis to yow, And geif ye had bene of ane guid  
mynd to haue causit the nychtbourheid have been keipit one  
[on] the auld maner, or ellis the pleuche to haue lyin quhill thair  
appuntment,<sup>3</sup> I traistit, geif this haid bene, to haue appuntit  
thame of the rest. Thairfoir I desyir yow, as ye tendir thair  
weillis, or as ye wald haue thame agreit, that ye causs this to  
be done quhill thai be appuntit; for this ye may do, And tak  
na hynderance to your self; And geif this ye will do, I sall  
nocht fale to speid me vp throw to adves the same, geif I get  
nocht ane greitter stop. Nocht ellis as now, bot god preserue  
yow. of the kenmoir the vi of february 1569.—Be your frend  
at power,

Lokinwer.

To the Rycht hono<sup>ble</sup>  
and my traist freind  
The Lard of  
Barnbarocht.

<sup>1</sup> Paper gone.

<sup>2</sup> By, beside the blood feud.

<sup>3</sup> Settlement of the quarrel.

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun, ye sall wit that my freind willame gordonne in vigtonne hes bene dissyrand me to requist your (l) in his fawaris consarning his tind, and sayis ye are menand<sup>1</sup> to be mair hard to him nor ye ware of before, and thinkis to vse vthirwayis nor ye do to vthir honest men of the parochin; quhilk I will nocht credit that ye will vse ony of myne vthirwayis nor ye do the rest; and as he hes bene accostomit as seik honest men as him self; for I sall nocht requist for him to your (l), and<sup>2</sup> he pay yow nocht als thankfullie as ony vther sall do. thairfor I will dissyre your (l) hartlie that ye will vse resonable, as ye will dissyre me in seik requist agane. haifand na farthair at this pressent, bot god preserue your (l) in guid heilth.—be your l assurit frend,

Lochinwer.

To my lord of barnbaroch  
deliuer this.

Letter to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH to attend a Meeting of  
the Queen's Party at Glasgow, 8th February 1569-70.

Traist freynd, eftir maist hertlie commendatioun, pleis this vij of februar we haif met with certane of the Nobillitie in Dumbartane, quha thinkis maist conuenient that all the Nobillitie of this realme, that wald the libertie of the Quenis Maiestie our Souerane, and the quyetnes of this our natife cuntre, suld meit and conweine in Glasgw the xvij day of februar instant, with thair substantius houssoldis, and gentill mene, for to consult and confer quhow, and be quhat menis, the Quenis grace, our Maistres, may be restoirrit to her awin cuntre, and this realme, and leiges haldin in tranquillitie and quyetnes; And seing the lordis of the contrarfactioun are to conwene schortlie, for quhat purpos we ar nocht certane, thairfoir we think ex-

<sup>1</sup> Meaning.

<sup>2</sup> If.

pedient that we one the wthersyde, the Quenis grace fauour-rerris, suld nocht pretermit the tyme, bot to conuene and consult all togidder. Quhairfoir we pray yow maist hertlie that all excuisses set asyde, and as ye luife the weill and libertie of our souerane ledy, that ye will cum and meit in Glasgw the said xvij day of februar instant to the effect fairsaid, and we sall nocht fail to keip the said day, God willing. And quha will refuse the said metting, and nocht to concur, we protest befor God that the wyt is nocht in ws bot in thame that refuissis, and mane declair the samyn to the Quenis Maiestie, orellis we do nocht the dewitie of faithfull subiectis; And your ansuer agane in wryt quhat we sall lippin to, and that ye haif your forces in reddines for sik affaires as we sall consult wpoun at metting. And sua committis yow in the protectioun of God. Off Dumbartane the viij day of februar 1569.—Your guid freindis,

Ar E Ergyll.

J Sanctandros. ✚

Arbrothe.

Flemming.

RA. Boyd.

To our traist frende  
The Laird of Barbarrow.

Letter from EARL OF ARGYLL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
20th February 1569-70.

Honorable Ser, after hertlie commendationis, we writt to you of Befoir to haif meit ws heir in glesgw, and the occasioun of your obsens thairfra is the schortness of tym, for we wndirstand be report of the lard of lochtinvar that ye ar weill myndit to the aduancement off the quenis ma<sup>te</sup>, our maistres, actioun and auctorite. Praying yow to continew thairin, and to be In reddy-nes as ye salbe aduertist; for we wnderstand to haif ane new conventionne vpon the ferd day of merche nixt. Quhairfoir we pray to mak your self In ryddynes To meitt ws the said day at syk plaice as ye salbe aduertist of, that we may confer vpoun the present estait of [the] this realme. To the quhilk refferis



the rest, and so committis yow to god. off glesgo, this xx day  
of februar 1569.—Your gud freinde, Ar. E. Ergyll.

To ane honorable man the  
lard off barbarroche.

Letter from ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ARGYLE, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 22d February 1569-70.

Rycht Honorabill, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, Forsa-  
mekle as we ar informit that the lordis of the uther party, and  
nobilitie that wes in Edinburgh at this tyme, are to convene  
thame selffis agane thair the ferd day of merch nixt; Quhair-  
foir it is the lyk gud and necesser that we, the quenis mat<sup>ies</sup>  
favoraris, sold in lyk manner meit in Lythgow the threid day of  
Merch nixt for the furthsettinge of the quenis majesties aucto-  
ritie, and hir libertie, for the commownewelth, quietness, and  
weill of this puir realm. Quhairfoir maist hartlie prayis yow  
nocht to faile to be in Lythgow the said threid day of merch  
nixt with your houshald, and hail substantious freindis, in weir  
lyk maner, quhair we sall nocht faile to be, will god, for the  
furthsettinge of the quenis g[race] auctoritie and causs foirsaidis.  
And als to haif all your uthir forcess at reddiness upon vi houris  
warning as neid requiris, and traistis ye will nocht faile to do.

Off Glasgow the xxij day of feb<sup>ry</sup> 1569.—Your gud freind,  
To the Ry<sup>t</sup> Honoll Ar. E. Argyll.  
the Lard of barbarroch.

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 22d February 1569-70.

Rycht honorable Ser, efter my hairtlie commendatioun, ye  
sall wit that I have bene in glasgo. the diuersite that hes bene  
thir tymes bygane is tane up, and ane assurance appuntit that  
the nobilitie of this realme sall meit in edinburt the ferd day of  
merche, and there sall consult upon the commoun weill with  
baith their advyiss. The lordis that was in glasgo marvelt thai  
gat nouthir your avin presens, nor na anser fra yow, And becaus  
that I find matteris wirkand utherwyis nor hes bene in tymis

bypast, I thocht it meit to excuiss you to thair L., quhilk I did the best fassioun I could. My Lord of cassillis come to glasgo this last Sounday, and he sayis that the lordis in edinburt hes vrittin ane greit cumpanie of vrittingis to the nobill men one baith the syidis to convene in edinburt the fourt day of merche; of the quhilk vritingis I saw ane of thame that come to my lord boyid, And it was derectit nouthur in the quenis name, nor the kingis, Bot desyirt the nobill men to concur thair, quhairthrow thai mycht consult upon the furthsettine of the commoun weill. Ye have hard tell quhow the sacreter<sup>1</sup> is chairgit upon tua heidis be the cunsall. The tane is anent the slauchter of the king, The uther anentis the maikine the tumult in England. Thay have geven ane testimoniaie to him quhairthrow it may be testifeit in uther realmes. The lordis at the first meitting wes verray heycht,<sup>2</sup> saiffand my lord of Morton, and my lord Athole, and kest ane stent amangis thame for uptakin of men of weir; Bot thai have gevin the silver agane to every man. Nocht ellis, bot god preserve yow. of the Kenmoir the xxii of fabrury.—Youris at power,  
Lochinver.

[Under the seal]

I heff sein your vriting thankand yow of youris nowellis ye sall se ane wder send to me.

To the Rycht Hono<sup>ble</sup> the lard of Barbaro<sup>t</sup>.

Letter from GILBERT, FOURTH EARL OF CASSILLIS, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 22d March 1569-70.

Cusing, efter hartlie commendatioun, for samekle this is to aduertes yow that thair is ane Law day appoyntit aganis the xv day of apill nixt at edinburcht vpoun thayis that ar suspect, and alsua knawin giltie, of the vnhonest slauchtir committit vpoun my speciall freind and servand vchtride Medowell, quhair-at I Intend to be, god willying, accompanit with sic I think neidfull of my freindis and servandis To that effect, seand that I can do na less nor to suitt, and see sic remeid as the Law at the tyme will provyde; desyring yow effectuouslie, as ye will do me

<sup>1</sup> William Maitland, yr. of Lethington.

<sup>2</sup> Heych, high, proud.

plesour in that behalf, to address yow to be reddy to pass with me, and to meitt me in ayr the vi of apryle nixt, Quhairin I beleif nother ye, nor na other that pertenis me, will think bot ye will wair your travell<sup>1</sup> in that Jornay with gud will. And that in respect gyf ye or ony of youris had fallin in lyk ewill handling (as god forbid), that I suld wair my trawell to see sum ordour done for It, and thinkis meittest that euery man haif his Jak, as the tyme servis. referring the rest thairto, I committ yow to god. Off the Inche the xxii of merche 1569 be your guid freind,

Cassillis.

To my trest cwsing the  
lard of barnbaroch.

Letter from GILBERT, FOURTH EARL OF CASSILLIS, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 3d April 1570.

Traist cousing, eftir hartlie commendatioun, forsamekill this to aduerteis yow that I ressaut writtingis fra sindry of the nobilitie to be at ane tryst with thame at lithkow the aucht of this instant, quhair the king of frances commissioner Is to be present at the tyme and place fairsaid; quamefra, alsua I haif ressaut writtingis direct fra the king of france, Referring credeit to the berar. Quhairin I find thir occasionis sua necessar, that I am willing to be present thair. Quhairfoir I pray yow effecteouslie, as ye will do me plesser, that ye will tak sua far trevel as to be with me in cumpany at my passing thair. I wreit to yow of befoir<sup>2</sup> to haif bene at me aganis this day of Law, quhilk is the fyftene of this instant, bot this tyme man be prevenit becauss of the necessitie of this present occasioun, Quhilk I beleif ye will nocht faill. Referring the rest to the samyn, And god haif yow in his keeping.

of mayboil, the third day of aprile, 15610.<sup>3</sup>—Be your guid freind,

Cassillis.

To my trest cwsing the lard  
of barnbaroch.

<sup>1</sup> Spend your labour.    <sup>2</sup> See previous letter from the same, 22d March 1569.

<sup>3</sup> *Sic* in original, sixty-ten for seventy. See date at p. 38.

Receipt by Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to Mr PATRICK WAUS of Barnbarroch, for his Daughter EUPHEMIA's Thirds, 2d July 1570.

I, Syr Jhone Dunbar of Mochrum knycht, grantis me to haife ressaut be the handis of patk vavss of Barnbarrah, in name and in behalf of my dochtyr effame dunbar ladye barnbarrath, the some of fife merkis for the vidsonday malis of hyr thrid parte of the landis of barnbarracht, pertenantis hyr, conforme to the assedatione and tak sett by hyr to said patrik vavss of the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> 5<sup>c</sup> Lx ten y<sup>rs</sup>, and alss xvij merkis for the vidsonday maill of barglass of the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxi y<sup>rs</sup>; off the quhilk some I grante me content and paytt, and quetclams and dischargis the said patrik vavss of barnbarrah, his ayrs, and exors, of the saids termis maillis, and all vthir termis maillis of the thrid parte of the levyn of barnbarrath, and maillis of barglass, befoyr the day and dait heirof for nov and ever. In vitnes heirof I haife subscrivit this acquitane vyt my hand. At mochrum the second day of July the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxten yeris befoyr thir vitnes, James kennedy in castell, Jhone Dunbar, hare Halthorn, and Jhone hanyng, vith vtheris diverssis.

J. Mochrum Knyt.

Letter from JOHN, LORD GLAMIS, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 29th November 1570.

Eftir my maist hartly commendatioun, forsamekill as I am summoneit be Bargany, as ye will persauie be the copei, for certan sowmes that he alledgis restand of the erl of cassillis tochir, quhilk he claimis as donatour to his escheit. It is ane gryit soun that he sekis, and, albeit thar be part restand, yit I wald be layth to pay it to ony other nor the erl of cassillis, to quhom I haue writin to send his mynd and adwyiss quhow that mater salbe defendit. Ye sall resaue cope, and sik Informatioun as I can mak, and, efter ye have adwyisit thairwith, I wald ye suld writ at lynth to my l of cassillis your opinioun of that mater, and of your writing to this berar, quhu will schaw you my mynd

heiranent, and thairfoir remitts thairto. Committs yow to god.  
from glammiss this xxix of November 1570.—Be your assurit,  
Jhon L Glamiss.

To the Ry<sup>t</sup> honorable  
and my maist speciale  
The lard of Barnbarrocht.

Letter from THOMAS WAUS, Burgess of Edinburgh, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 29th November 1570. [Holograph.]

Rycht honorable Ser, eftar my maist hartlie commendaseounes  
towarte yow, I rasauet your wryten the xxv of nouember, dessy-  
rand me to delyuer to yowr gud fader, Ser houkanate,<sup>1</sup> the  
plages quhelk I resauet of heme for the sam faur houndrecht  
markis, quhelk I delyuerit for yowr asschit;<sup>2</sup> quhelk plagis I  
haue deliueret at the seicht of your wryter maitealand gartle;  
ye wrat nocht to me of befor, consederand ye wrat to me sendre  
and diwars tymes, and spessefeet nathing of that in yowr wryten,  
for quhelk caus I beleuit thair had bene some theing restand  
betuex yow and heme, that ye had geuen heme scharge to  
debours samekel mone<sup>3</sup> for yow; neuar the las he sayet that  
the letars behouiet to ly, or elles I to deboris the mone, for  
quhelk cas I touk plagis of heme to pay me at scanct andros day,  
and wos weray angre with me at the present beicas<sup>4</sup> I wald  
nocht deboris my mone at his command, thairfor I pray yow to  
conseder sa, and theink that I ame nocht anne<sup>5</sup> manes man,  
bot to do for my frind, quhair he hes ado, that theng that lyis in  
my pouar. et is nocht our fasoune to deboris na mone exsep et  
be for sec mene as we well war bode and gudes with, as yoir-  
selue woull conseder in this troiboilis world, as quher ye wryt  
that ye belewe that I haue your get of the escheat past the  
seles,<sup>6</sup> I haue the same, and has yowr lateris in radenis, and tares  
one natheing bot quhat day ye well haue the lators apountet to;  
tharfor I pray yow sloucht<sup>7</sup> na theing of yowr ane besenes, and  
spar nocht the expensis of ane boy to come in, for I can nocht

<sup>1</sup> Sir Hew Kennedy.

<sup>2</sup> Escheat.

<sup>3</sup> Money.

<sup>4</sup> Because.

<sup>5</sup> Any.

<sup>6</sup> Seals.

<sup>7</sup> Sloch, *v. a.* to do a thing carelessly.



get pasege euere day as I wald wryt to yow, tharfor I pray you be delegend in yore ane cas, and seit et forwart, and spar nocht for the expenses of ane boy; and gene thar be one theing in thei partis that ye well scharge me with, ye sall feind me at comand that lyes in my posabelate with bode and gudes, sa far as I dow, or may; dessyrand yow affacteusle to bewar with yowr aduarsars, and geve na trist to thame, and ye wor neuar sa well agreeet; for I well assure yow et es na theing bot yowr bode thay sek, tharfor I besek yow to do the nest bast to saue yowr selue and yowr onour. I hop to god geue ye can pout of ane schort tyme, et sall come bater for yow; bot, geue ye may, dras<sup>1</sup> for yowr selue in the mene tyme that ye gat na scacht. I think et wor nocht the worse to dryne<sup>2</sup> tyme quhell god prowyd bater. your wryton maks menteoune that ye well se me my mone deborsit betuex this and yowl.<sup>3</sup> I pry yow that ye fall nocht to send me ane hundrecht poundes, togeder with ane sour<sup>4</sup> hand of yowr ane, quhellk sall be at yowr comand quhane ye haue ado. as to the rest of your comptes we sall suparsed quhell I gat wares fra yow, or quhell ye may gudle spar the same, that ye be at mair quhatnes, as I hop to god ye sall be at lentht. as to the hydes and skynes ye sall cas send thame in or delyuer thame to Jhon was<sup>5</sup> to send in to me. geue thar be one theing that lyis in my posabelate to do, I pray yow to scharge me as yowr ane. sua commetes yow to god, with my hartle commendaseoune to the lade, and yowr douchtars, and the rest of yowr coumpane. at edenborught the xxix of nouembre anno lxx yers.—Yowris,

thomas Waus  
bourgs of edenbourght.

To the rycht honorable  
the lard of barnbarath.

Letter from THOMAS WAUS to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
12th February 1570-1.

Rycht honorable Sir and trist frind, eftar my maist hartle

<sup>1</sup> Dress, to treat well or ill.

<sup>2</sup> Dring, procrastinate.

<sup>3</sup> Yule.

<sup>4</sup> Sure.

<sup>5</sup> Waus.

Comendaseonne, thes to [ad]vartes yow ye sall resave fra thes berar, pate strat[on], halie [or halue] ok halie q<sup>r</sup> tor of oncaimet staun<sup>d</sup>, with halie ok halie quhair [or quarter] of woolat staun<sup>d</sup>, with iiij pound of hard confomme to yowr wryte. as to my mone I wrat to yow of befor, ye sall delevar ane houndreth poundes to the forsad pate, and the reist we sall lat stand. I sall mete god wellang. James Makanna is varay angre ye seind nocht in your wrytens that he wrat for, bot there es letell theng ado now becais the lordes is na nombar. as to neuis, my lord of Morton departet to england the penult of Januar. the capetane of the castall has tane on pane certane mene of wor to the numbar of vii<sup>xx</sup>. the brout is he well tak oup thre hundrecht. quhat his is intent is to do we cane nocht schaw yow. My Lord Hume, and Ser James Balfour, is stell in the castell with heme, and thair wives, gene I heve ene fardar ocaseoune I sall wryt to yow, as to the neuis of frans, and our quenis gras coming hame, ye knaw batar nor we can schaw yow. all ouderthing I rafar to yowr next varteisment; Sa cometis yow to the protacseoune of god; with my hartle commendaseoune to your ladie and barnes and the reist of your compane, of edenbourght, the xii of fabruar, anno Lxx Yours at pouar,

Thomas Waus

bourgess of edenbourght.

To the rycht honorable and his speseal freind the lard of Barbaracht.

Letter from QUEEN MARY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,

30th April 1571.

Traist freind We greit yow weill. Sen the Reuerend father in God, our trustie cousin and counsalour The Bischop of Gallowaye, (who as a faithfull commissioner hes weill and deligentlie done his devuoir in treating with the Quene our gud sister this quhile bygane for our restitution, and releif of yow our good subiectis) Is reparing in they partis, and can mair amply informe yow of the haill proceeding thiranent nor is possibill be our lettres to mak yow wnderstand; We refer the same to his suffi-

ciency, whom ye sall credit as ourself. And seing thair is na occasion (notwithstanding this new delaye) to dispair of the obtaining of our long swtes: for our said good sister hes maid playne demonstration to the rebellis Commissioners of her will and determinat Intention to haif ws restored, and they promesit to returne haistely with Commission of the rest of that faction (quhilk they alledgit not to haif) to treat with her and ws to the same effect; We praye yow in the meane tyme to abyde constant at our obedience, shawing oppynly your honest profession therof, to concur togidder without dissimulation at all occasions, And finally to declair your selfis suche at this tyme as heireftir for ewer ye wold haif ws to esteme yow, Quhilk being for our advancement, ye sall not fynd We will abandone nor leif yow at any extreme necessitie, but assures yow of sufficient support and releif in convenient tyme, as gud ordour is tane alreddy thairfor. And so, wishing alwise cont[inue] augmentation of your courage to our devotion, We commit yow to God. At Shefeild, the last daye of Aprile, 1571.—Your veri good frynd,

Marie R.

To our traist freind the  
Laird of Barbarroche.

Letter from QUEEN MARY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
10th May 1571.

Traist freind We greit yow weil. We are not ignorant of the good mynd ye beir wnto ws And travell ye haif tane in our service quhilk God willing we hope to acknowledge and be thankfull thairfor to your contentment, and to the effect we may have augmentation of remembrance thairin We praye yow that by your good counsale and assistance your freindis and our good subiectis be moved to shaw themselfis at this tyme plane defendars of our auctoritie And we assure yow releif sall not Inlaik in dew tyme to thair sufficient maintenance and if they do otherwise we discharge ourself afor god and man that thay haif na occasion, seing they sall be weill supported as this beirar can

shaw mair amply And sa fair ye weill At Shefeild the 10th day  
of May 1571.—You good frind, Marie R.

To our traist freind the Lard  
of Barnbarrach.

[The year in which the next letter was written is not stated, but it was in the year 1570 that this Gilbert, Earl of Cassillis, tortured Mr Alan Stewart, the Abbot of Crossraguel, to make him sign a lease and feu-charter of all the lands of the Abbey in his favour (see Acts of Privy Council, 27th April 1571). Although he was imprisoned for the offence, he seems to have retained the lands; for the author of the "Historie of the Kennedyis" says: "Me Lord gaiff the Abott sum mony to leiff wpone quhilk contentat him all his dayis. And in this way wes my Lordis conqueise of Corsragall; quilk wes bot ane bad forme."]

Letter from GILBERT, FOURTH EARL OF CASSILLIS, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 26th June 1571.

Trest cusin, I commend me hartle to yow; this sall be to aduertiss yow that I heff rasauit na word fra yow sen my cuming heir. the abbot hes vretin to me that he is willing the bessines tak end quhilk is betuix us,<sup>1</sup> but he hes nocht vretin in quhat maner; lyk as alss I haff nocht the comodete at this present, bein quhair I am. the regent<sup>2</sup> is were<sup>3</sup> vrgent in the retening off me quhill I giff obedience, quhair I man do efter the adwayss off men off honour, as I may trest my veil<sup>4</sup> and honour apon, with sic vther off my particular freindis as be mest conuenient for that affec. I think to be sum part disapoyntit that ye may nocht heff resort quhair I am, that I mycht confer with yow, and heff your aduyss in sic gret affaris as I heff to do; thairfor I dissyr yow to aduertiss me quhow ye ar in helth, and, giff ye be weill at eiss, I wald ye coim and spak with me,

<sup>1</sup> The business betwixt them was compensation for roasting him nearly to death, and to an extent which lamed him for life, and forcibly depriving him of his benefice.

<sup>2</sup> Lennox.

<sup>3</sup> Very.

<sup>4</sup> Weal.

giff ye may guidle onewayis. and towart sic affaris as ye heff to do, that partines to hew<sup>1</sup> my eyne, I will dissyr yow to swperseid tham quhill we meitt, and will apley as far with yow in sic lyk affaris quhan as ye sall heff to do with me, quhilk I trest ye will nocht refuyss apoun this my dissyr and requyst. refarand the rest to my nixt aduertisment, I committ yow to God. off Dumbartan<sup>2</sup> castell the xxvi off Juin be youris L  
assurit cusin and guid frind, Cassillis.

To My trest cusin  
the lard of barnbarocht.

[There are not less than thirty-four letters by Sir John Stewart of Minto, all holograph, of which this is the first in date. They are all chiefly about the sale of the Priory lands of Whithorn, of which Lord Robert Stewart, brother to the Earl of Moray, the Regent, was commendator. Sir Patrick had three separate contracts with the Laird of Minto for purchase of lands, once the property of the Priory of Whithorn: first, for Carlton and others; second, for Knock, etc.; and third, for Apilbe. In each the Laird was most urgent to receive his money, and from his letters it appears that Sir Patrick was equally anxious to have his titles completed before he would pay the last instalment. It transpired that Lady Moray, the widow of the Regent, afterwards Lady Argyle, had a reversion over these lands, which reduced their value; and Minto, therefore, accepts two-thirds of the stipulated price, viz., merks for pounds.]

Letter by Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 28th October 1571.

Rycht honorable Ser, eftir hartlie commendatioun, It will pleis you be aduerteist sen your departing my lord robert<sup>3</sup> hes writing to me that thair is sum deiland wyth him ernistlie for the takis of his benefice of quhithorn, and that he will nocht

<sup>1</sup> Hew Kennedy.

<sup>2</sup> 27th April 1571. "The Erlis of Cassillis and Eglintoun were put in waird; the said Erle Cassillis in Dunbartane, be my Lord Regent."—*Pollok MS.*

<sup>3</sup> Lord Robert Stewart.



set the same wyth owt my advyis, and geif I pleis I sall haif the takis of It my self befoir one <sup>1</sup> wthir bodde <sup>2</sup>; and apoun this I haif writing to him, and hes dessyrit him nocht to be heste <sup>3</sup> in that mater, quhill I maye speik him my self. quhairfor I thoycht It gud to mak yow participant of the sam, and geif ye think It gud ye salbe ane partisman. geif It mycht be gottin gud chaip, It wor gud deiling wyth It, for the kirkis will paye ane gud end of the pay[ment] of the haill for the present, and parawentur eftirwartis men mycht cum to bettir. this I thoycht gud to geif yow warning of, and to haif your adwyis in the wsaige of the same. I feir my lord of mortoun be seikand the same, at quhais persuation I knaw nocht, bot be the dessyir of sum of owdir gallowaye or cairik; thairfor spy about yow quhom ye suspect, and adwertis me agayne. fforther I man put yow in ramembrance of my hors that ye promisit to me, thairfor I praye yow for one <sup>1</sup> pleseir that I ma do to yow to send me the sam hors, and quhen ye haif ado I am content that ye deall agayne; this I will lippin for. I praye yow speid the siluer to me twa or thre dayis afoir mertymes, for, as I schaw yow, I haif promisit the same, that I wald nocht failye to thame, for I brak a promes of befoir, and I will be warraye sore <sup>4</sup> to brek this to. <sup>5</sup> and geif I do, thair will newir man geif me eridans <sup>6</sup> agayne. as to newis heir, I dout nocht but ye knaw quhow thai haif left edinbrucht at this present, and is lyand in leyth quhill my lord hunnusdonis <sup>7</sup> cummying, quha ramanis as yit apoun the heding of the duik of norfolk, and the bischop of ros. thair is cumand twa thowsand fut men, thre hundrycht hors men, xii dowble cannunis, twa singill cannownis, twa grosculweringis, and tua battardis, and pulver and bullattis efferand. we laik for wthir thingis nor the persut of the town of edinbrucht; at the leist we speik that tha sall ramayne quhill thai mak the king to haif obediens wniuersalie throw scottland. my lord of argyll is cumand furth throw and all his cumpanye to ramayne at Leyth for meting of my lord hunsdown. I praye yow fail nocht to send me ane gud hors, that salbe worth thankis to

<sup>1</sup> Any.<sup>2</sup> Body.<sup>3</sup> Hasty.<sup>4</sup> Sorry.<sup>5</sup> Too.<sup>6</sup> Credence.<sup>7</sup> Hunsdon.

comfort me wyth all; for It is gret merit to geif me comfort now, sen the best son that ewir man had of ane sobir man is departit at the pleseir of god sen your heir being. aduertis me agayne as ye think gud of all thingis afoir rehersit, and the lord be wyth yow. off glesgo this xxviii of october 1571.—be your awin to command,                      Johne Steward of mynto.

To the rycht honorable  
and my trest frynd the  
Lard of barrinbarrocht.

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 26th November 1571.

Efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I haif ressaut your (L) letter, and vnderstandis your guid vill and mynd in my afferis now as of before, and gif I mycht gratifie yow I am bund to do it sa farre as Lysis in my powir. your L sall vnderstand that the veill of our action standis apon the ourgeting of the Lairdis<sup>1</sup> tak, quhilk he vill not menteine, as I vrett to yow: therefore my consell is that ye travell vitht the Laird to get the said tak, and keipe it your self, quherby that I may Lett my Lord regentis (g) vnderstand that I am fre vitht the Laird, and gottin my tytle in my awin hand. that being done our causs and action vill byd short<sup>2</sup>, for before my Lordis g comming I man be resolut of this heid, quherby that ether the regent may haif of me affirmative or negative, that is quhither the Lard vill gif me my tytle in my awin hand or not. Farder I will not vrett for caussis, but gif ye pleis that I speik vitht yow, and declar the secreit of the haill causs, quhilk I vill not vrett presently, efter your aduertisment I sall be redei; for I vald that we vere resolut of this heid before my lord regent cum to the abbay; for I assuir you his (g) vill not stand content vitht sik ansuer, as I broght from the Lard: herfore best it ver, gif ye think guid, that we may comon<sup>3</sup> all heidis, and that about the

<sup>1</sup> Sir John Stewart of Minto.

<sup>2</sup> Illegible—perhaps profits.

<sup>3</sup> The editor has not met this word elsewhere, but "commouning," for conversation or discussion, is not of infrequent occurrence, and this may be common, discuss.

beginning of the nixt myneth,<sup>1</sup> quherby we may haif the Lordis vtter ansuer before the regentis comming. I vill not truble yow vitht prolixit Letter but Luikis for your ansuer vitht the berar; and sua for the present committis your (L) in the protectioun of the eternall. from sanctandross the xxvi day of november.—Your L assurit freind,

Robert commendatur of quhitherne.

To his speciall freind  
Lard of barnbarrocht  
this be delyverit.

Letter from the REGENT EARL OF MAR to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 1st April 1572.

Rycht traist freind, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, The troubles heir sa lang continewing, throw the withhalding of the toun of Edinburch aganis oure souerane Lord and his auctoritie, It is thocht maist expedient to retene victuallis frome the toun, And for that end thair is men of weir plantit in the houssis nixt adiacent thairto, Quhair throw, with the travellis of sum nowmer of horsmen, the mater aperis to tak gude and spedie succeſſe. Presentlie we ar accompaneit with the bordouraris of Merſſ and Tiviodale, quhilke ar content to tary heir for a moneth, quhair of thair is a gude parte alreddy past. And be avyſe of the counſale, It is thocht gude that be proclamatioun the weſt bordour and cuntrey be drawin heir to Leyth agane the xx day of this moneth, provydit to remane for ane vther moneth, within quhilk ſpace, god willing, the mater wilbe at a poynt. Praying yow heirfoir effectuouslie That ye, with youre kin friendis and ſeruandis, abill and weil horsit men, will addreſſe yow to be heir at Leyth in weirlike maner the ſaid xx day of Aprile inſtant, provydit to remane for the ſpace of ane moneth thairefter, According to the proclamatioun paſt thairvpoun, As ye will do the Kingis Maiestie gude ſervice and do ws thankfull and acceptabill pleser. Sua we commit yow to

<sup>1</sup> Moneth, month.

the protectioun of God. Frome Leyth the fyst day of Aprile  
1572.—Your assurit friend,

Jhon Regent.

To our rycht traist freind the  
Lard of Barnbarroch.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 15th October 1572.

Rycht honorable Sir, I haif rasaut your writing, bering that  
ye cane nocht be able to paye me my silver quhill ye rasaif  
the autentyk cobby of my confirmatioun, subscryvit wyth tua  
nottars. Sir, as to that, ye promisit Lang or ye payit me the  
first payment, and sen syne termis hes nocht beyn weil kept.  
nocht the les I man tak patiens. be ye assurit I wald nocht  
haif down to yow that ye haif down to me for all the sowm.

As to the coppe of the confirmatioun, quhilk ye sand agen, I  
haif send the same to Sir Hew<sup>1</sup> your gudfather, quha is dettor  
to me. I dout nocht bot he will keip his promes, and mak me  
payment. my promes wes to haif rasaut silver heir, and to  
haif deliuerit the cobby of the confirmatioun, and to haif deleittit  
the ack maid for that caus, quhilk thing I wes and is radde to  
fulfill at all tymis; for quhatsumewir promes I mak I sall wyth  
godis graice be willing to fulfill to yow, and all wthirs, that  
ewir I haif ado wythall. I will nocht truble yow wyth langer  
letter, bot committis yow in the keeping of the lord. of glesgo,  
this xv of october, 1572.—be youris,

John Stewart of  
Mynto, knyght.

To the rycht honorable  
Lard of Barranbarro<sup>t</sup>.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to Sir HEW KENNEDY  
of Girvan Mains (Father of Sir Patrick Waus's first Wife),  
15th October 1572.

Rycht honorable Ser, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I  
haif rasaut your writing this xiii of october, bering that your

<sup>1</sup> Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvan Mains.

son<sup>1</sup> suld allege that I haif nocht kepit my appointment to him as I promisit. Ser I wald wis that he suld nocht bayth hald my silver fra me, and mak lesingis of me to. I haif nocht diseruit that at his hand, for he had my gud will. ser, ye ar dettowr to me, and nocht he. Quhair he allegis that I promisit him the coppe of my confirmatioun subscriuit attentiklie, In deid I promisit to deliuer the sam in this town, and to destroy the act, and to do all thingis promisit be me for my part; I fynd It wes bot ane gallowaye promes, maid to ane clidesdall man, quhilk thay thoycht newir to haif kepit. bot I man tak me to ane carrik promes, and I sall newir seik him agayn. Ye sall rasaif the coppe of my confirmatioun, attentiklie subscriuit; for I will send it na forther nor to yow, becaus I haif na wthir dettor for my siluer. I will nocht truble wyth langer lettir, bot committis yow to god. off glesgw, this xv of october, 1572.—be your kininsman and frynd, John Steward of Mynto, knyecht.

To the rycht honorable

Ser hew kennyde of  
girwan mains.

Letter from GILBERT, EARL OF CASSILLIS, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 24th January 1572-3.

Traist cusing,<sup>2</sup> I command me hartly to yow. forsamekle as ye sall deliuer to my wyf the vi l<sup>bs</sup> 4 s. vid ye ar inawing to me for kynhilt.<sup>3</sup> Ye sall wyt that I have decretit in the mater betwix yow and Sir Neyll M<sup>c</sup>Dowall, and has dissarnit yow to pay yeyrle xx merks of money for byganes and to cwme. Ye wyll nocht fayll to delyuer the money as I haif writtin, and god keip yow. at Crosragnell the xxiiii of Januar.—Your guid friend, Cassillis.

To my traist cousing  
the laird of barnbaroche.

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, son-in-law.

<sup>2</sup> He became his brother-in-law in 1573.

<sup>3</sup> Adair of Kinhilt.



Letter from KENNEDY of Girvan Mains to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, perhaps 1573.

Rycht honoll and luiffing Eime, efter my hertlie commendatioun, pleis yow I am com in thes cwntr; quhairfor desyryng yow to aduerteis in vreit be this beirer quhair I may meit with yow, for I sall be villing quhen and quhar ye vill appoint me, geif it ver to vigtown. quhairanent expecting your ansuer, committing you hollie In godis protectioun, I rest. direct from barganie, the x of thes Instant.—Be youris luiffing eime at power,  
girwanmanis.

To the richt honoll, and hes  
luiffing eime, the laird  
of barnbarroche  
delyver thes.

[Mr Patrick Waus married the sister of Gilbert Kennedy of Girvan Mains in December 1560. She died in 1572, and he remarried at the end of the following year. As there is here no commendation to his wife, this letter was probably written in that interval.]

Letter by JAMES, EARL OF MORTON, Regent, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 29th May 1573.

Traist freind, efter our hartlie commendatione, The comptis of the maist pairt of the collectoris hes laitlie bene hard, and amangis otheris the collectouris compt of Galloway, quhairin to our greit mervell we heir that thair is mony grit restis, and hornyngis, producit for diligence, quhilk is na satisfioun to the Ministeris of thair stipendis lang awand thame; nor yit is it ony releif of the vtheris chargeis, that necessarlie man be sustentit. That quhilk is awand man be payit, and this contempt of horning can nocht be permittet langar without pvnishment. Bot becaus syndre noblemen, and vtheris of guid place and reputation, ar in roll, We haue causit the publicatioun thair of be stayit quhill first be our awin lettres we admonishe thame favorabillie to pay the debt, and obtene thame selfis relaxt,

quhilk being done, we are desyrous of na mannis troubill, and thairfor will desyre and pray yow effectuouslie that, alsweill of that quhilk ye your self is awand, as of it awand be your freindis and nychtbouris, quhair your credit and auctoritie may avail, ye will mak and caus payment be maid of the saidis debtis and restis off the crope and yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> thre scoir tuelf yeris, and of all yeris preceeding vnpait, to the collectour Harie Smyth, quha is purpoislie cum furth at this time for ressait of the same, and ordanit to returne with diligence, with sik expeditioun as he ressaui; quhairin ye sall do yourself ease, and we will think alsua ye do ws guid pleaser thairin, quhair vtherwyiss, gif your name salbe divulgat as at the horne, it can nocht bot turne to your displesour and preiudice at sumtyme, peradventure quhen ye had rather doubill the payment of the debt. And sa, louking that our requeist and admonitioun sall awaill at your handis, We commit you in the protectioun of God. at Halryrdhous the xxix day of Maii 1573.—Your assured freind,

James Regent.

To our traist freind  
the lard of Barnbaroch.

Letter by JAMES, REGENT (MORTON), to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 18th July 1573.

Richt Traist freind, Efter our maist hartlie commendatioun, Efter lang pley and great chargeis at last a decrete is gevin aganis certane men of Wigtoun in the court of Admiraltie, quhairapoun executioun is now to be socht. And that townis-men of a lang tyme past hes not gevin sic obedience to the kingis auctoritie as wes requisite, we ar thairfore movit to desire yow effectuouslie That ye will concur, fortife, and assist to the officiares direct for this effect In putting of the said decreit to executioun, and se oure souerane Lordes auctoritie so set fordwart in that behalf as it ly nocht in the power of personis of sa meane estate to contempne the Ordinar Juge-ment, or to think sic offenses sall pas ower vnpvnist. As ye will do the king our souerane Lord gude seruice, and ws acceptable pleaser, And sa we commit yow in the protectioun of god.

At the palice of halyrudehous, the xviii day of Julij, 1573.—

Your assured freind,

James Regent.

To our richt traist freind

The Lard of Barnbarro.

Discharge by Mr ROBERT STEWART, Factor to Sir JOHN STEWART  
of Minto, to Mr PATRICK WAUS, for Rent of Knockan, etc.,  
6th January 1573-4.

I Maister Robert Stewart, factour to ane honorable man, Ser  
Johne Stewart of Mynto knycht, and chalmerlane to oure  
Souerane loirds of his landis aboue cre,<sup>1</sup> grantis me to haue  
rassaut fra the handis of m<sup>r</sup> patrik wauss of barrinbarroch the  
sowme of elewyn lbs iii s. iiii d for the mertimes malis of his  
landis of knokan,<sup>2</sup> kerewalcok,<sup>3</sup> and kelledarroch,<sup>4</sup> of the yeir of  
god 1m v<sup>c</sup> thre scoir threttene yeris; of the quhilk sowme aboue  
writin I hald me weill content and payit, exhonors and dis-  
charges the said maister patrik, and all wthers quhom it efferis,  
for now and euer. In witnes of quhilk I haue subscriuit this  
acquittance at quhitorne the sex day of Januare, and the yeir  
of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> thre scoir threttene yeris, before thir witnes, Robert  
lewenox, Alex<sup>r</sup> waus, and Johne hannay, wyth wtheris diuersis.

M. Robert Stewart

wyth my hand.

Letter, Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 16th March 1573-4.

Brother, eftyr my werray hartlie commendatioun, This salbe  
to adverteis yow that the Lard of Sorby<sup>5</sup> has summonit Jhone  
Dunbar, broder german to the guidman of ballindone, my  
cowsing and youris, with diverss utheris of my kinsmen and  
surname, to underly the Law at edinbrucht the fyft daye of  
apriple nixt to cum for the slauchtir of ane patrik hanna, being

<sup>1</sup> The river "Cree,"

<sup>2</sup> Now Knockan, *i.e.* Little Hill.

<sup>3</sup> In old maps Kirriewauchope; now Kirwauk.

<sup>4</sup> Now Kildarroch.

<sup>5</sup> Hanna or Ahannay of Sorbie, was the head of the house of which one  
member had been killed.

at the kyngis (g) horne, for mutilatioun of the said Jhone; for the quhilk slauchter I intend be adwyse and apperance of men of Law to caus my frendis entyr the said day and place to abyde the Law. And becaus the samin tendis sa hichtlie<sup>1</sup> to my honor, And alsua to the quietting of my self and frendis in this cuntre, I tink It werry necesser to be accompanied at the said day with my Lowing freindis. And in respect I had never, nor never tynkis to haif, the lyk ado, I am forsit at this tyme to desyre yow, as ye luife the veill and honor of me, my houss, and freindis, that ye will kype the saidis day and place, accompaneit wyth your seruandis in sic manner as ever ye will dessyre me, my freindis, and seruandis, to do for yow quhen your Lyffis ar socht as owris ar. And sua, Luiking for your anser with this barar, I commit yow to god. off mochrum, the xvi day of Marche, Lxxiii be youris at power, J. Mocheraum.

To the honorabill and  
trest lard of barinbarth.

Copy of Contract of Marriage between PATRICK WAUS of Barnbarroch and KATHERINE KENNEDY, Daughter of GILBERT, EARL OF CASSILLIS.

At Mayboill, the ninetene day of marche, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>e</sup> threscoir threttene yeiris. It is appointit, aggreit, concludit, and finallie endit, and contractit, betuix ane nobill and potent Lord, Gilbert erle of Cassillis, Lord kennedy; Dame margaret kennedy, countess of cassillis; and katherine kennedy, hir dochtir, on the ane part, and maister patrik Vaus of barnebarocht on the vthir part, in maner, forme, and effect, as eftir followis. That Is to say the said maister patrik sall, god willing, marie, and to wyfe haife, the said katherine, and sall compleit the lauchfull band of matromony with hir in face of haly kirk, solemnizatie as vs<sup>2</sup> Is, betuix and the tuelf day of aprile nixt to cum; And als the said maister patrik sall infest the said katherine, to gidder with him self, in hir virginitie, befor the compleiting of the said mariage, in all and hail the fyfe pund

<sup>1</sup> Highly.

<sup>2</sup> Use.

land of Caskreocht, the tour, fortalice, and mansioun place, yardis, orchardis thairof, the four markland of nethir synnones, and tua mark land of creoch, with the pertinentis, liand within the Lordship of glenluce, and serefdome of wigtoun, in coniunctie, and to the langest levar of thame twa, and to the airis male lauchfullie to be gottin betuix thame; quhilkis failzing, to the airis male of the said maister patrik, to be contenit in the instrument to be maid be the said erle to thame, and to be haldin of the said erle, his airis, and assignayis, and successoris, conforme to the last infeftment. and siclyke the said maister patrik sall infeft the said katherine, to gidder with him, in maner aboue writtin, in all and haill the twa markland and ane half of slewhibbert, the twa markland and ane half of the fyve markland of Drumiargane, and in the twa markland and ane half of  
 , with thair pertinentis, liand within the parrochone of kirkinner, and serefdome foirsaid, be resignatioun or confirmatioun in our souerane Lord the kingis g handis, for infeftment to be gevin to the said maister patrik and katherine, and the airis male lauchfully to be gottin betuix thame; quhilkis failzeand to the said maister patrik airis male, to be providit and contenit thairintill. Attour the said maister patrik bindis and oblissis him, his airis, executoris, and assignayes, to warrand and defend the saidis landis to the said katherine as said Is to be worth be yeir the sovme of thre hundreth markis money of this realme, (omnibus deductis) fre without ony deductionis, exceptand the teyndis of the saidis landis, to be payit be the said katherine conforme to the said M. patrikis last tak. And alsua bindis and oblissis him, as said is, quhatsumeuer pleinissing of guidis, geir, and vthir cornis, that happinis to be vpoun and with the saidis landis the tyme of hir infeftment, or at ony vthir tyme heireftir, sall remane with the said katherine during hir lyftime, without deuisioun. And mair attour the said maister patrik bindis and oblissis him, and his foirsaidis, to infeft the said katherine in all and haill the fyve mark land of barglass, with the myln, suckin,<sup>1</sup> and thrill multuris<sup>2</sup> thairof, In

<sup>1</sup> The extent of ground the tenants of which are bound to bring their grain to a mill.

<sup>2</sup> Thirl multer, the duty paid by thirlage for grinding.



warrandice of the foirsaidis landis of slewhibbert, Drumiargane and , and sall warrand all the saidis landis in maner foirsaid fra all and sundry wardis, releiuis, nonentris, Ladyis terciis, coniunctfeis, Lang or schort takkis, taxationis, Recognitiounis, coniunctsesine, dispositionis, pureprestoris,<sup>1</sup> foirfaltis, annuell Rentis, privie or oppin publict sasingis, and fra all and sundry vthir actis, or inconvenientis, that may fall or happin vpoun the saidis coniunct fie landis, or landis to be gevin in warrandice thair of, in all tyme bipast and to cum, during the said katherins lyftime, and the saidis Instrumentis to be maid and past equalie vpoun the saidis parteis equall expenssis. ffor compleiting of the quhilk mariage, and Infeftmentes to be gevin be the said maister patrik, in maner as said is, The saidis erle and contess bindis and oblissis thame, thair airis, executoris, and assignayes, to Refund, content, and thankfullie pay, and deliuer to the said maister patrik vauss, his airis, executoris, and assignayes, the sovme of Tuentie hundreth markis guid and usuall money of this realme, in maner and att the termis following, equalie betuix thame. That is to say, the sovme of viii hundreth markis to be payit upoun tysday befor the feist and terme of witsunday nixt to cum, The sovme of iii hundreth markis at yule nixt thaireftir, the sovme of iii hundreth markis the yule in the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> threscoir fiftene yeiris, the sovme of iii<sup>c</sup> hundreth markis the yule in the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> threscoir sextene yeiris, and the sovme of iii hundreth the yule in the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> threscoir seventene yeiris, in compleit payment of the said sovme of tuentie hundreth markis. And for suir and thankfull payment to be maid of the sovmes respectiue, abouewritten, to the said maister patrik at the termes foirsaid, hew kennedy of barquhony, walter kennedy of knockdone, and Johnne kennedy of pennyglen, ar be the tenour heirof becum cautioneris, and souerteis, coniunctly and seueralie, to the said maister patrik. And also the said erle bindis and oblissis him, his airis, assignayis, and successoris, to Renew the said maister patrikis infeftment of his landis within the lordschip of glenluce,

<sup>1</sup> Furprestre, violation of the rights of a superior.

quhilk he hes in few of befoir, and sall contene in the said infestment the landis quhilk Is now in the said maister patrikis possessioun and nocht in his infestment. To wit the sevin markland of clondriis and glenturie, the twa markland of the foure markland of nethir synnones, and the markland of diruane; the haill landis to be contenit in the said infestment extending to threttie fyve markland, for the yeirly sovme and dew service contenit in the said maister patrikis vthir infestment, ellis past be the said erle. and the said landis of clonneriis, glenturie, and nethir synnones, and diruane, to pay siclyke male, dewitie, and dew service, to be contenit in the said infestment, as thai payit befoir the making heiroyf. And gif this contract and appointment be nocht sufficient, suir, and sicker, in it self, as Is aboue specifiit, ather of the saidis parteis bindis and oblissis thame, and thair foirsaidis, to renew the same at vtheris pleser, quhen ony of thame sall think guid to Require wther thairto, be aviss of men of law, keipand the substance aboue writtin. And attour the said parteis, and cautioneris foirsaidis, ar content, and consentis, that this present contract and appointment be registrat, and Insert in our souerane Lordis buikis of counsall, the baillie court buikis of carriik, or commisseris buikis of wigtoun, to haif the strenth and effect of thair decreit to be Interponit heirintill. And, gif neid beis, that executoriallis of horning or pointing to pass heirupoun in forme as efferis. And to that effect makis, constitutis, and ordanis, honorabill men, and our weilbelouittis . . . our veray lauchfull procuratoris, actoris, factoris, erand beraris, for ws in our name. Ratum et gratum. And mair attour, and last, the said erle and maister patrik be the tenour heiroyf dischargis and quhyteclamis Ilkane vther of all dettis, cravingis, sovmes of money, landis, Rovmes, possessiones, the rycht and kindnes thairyf, that ather of thame may clame vpoun vther, to the day and dait heiroyf, except for the landis to be contenit in the said maister patrikis infestment.

In witnes of the quhilk thing ather of the saidis parteis and cautionaris, hes subscriuit this present contract and appointment with thair handis. as followis, day, yeir, and place foirsaidis. Befoir thir witnessis, quintene mure in killikie, Dene

Johnne mure, thomas nasmyth, and Alex<sup>r</sup> keffane, notar public, seruitoris to the said erle, with vtheris dyuersis.

Letter signed RUTHVEN to his Brother the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 16th July 1574.

Bruder,<sup>1</sup> efter maist hairtlie commendationis, I thocht gude to send this berar, my servant Johnne creichtoun, in they partis for bying of sum xxiv naigis, baith for serving myselff and to give to the ambassaldor of England. Quhairfoir we earnestlie requeist yow, as ye will do me singular plesor, help him be your moyane to the best, and properest, that is gettable in they pairtis for money. And to send sum of youris with him, becaus he knawis nocht the cuntrey, for executing his bissyne, that he may the soner returne agane to me. Quhen ye put me to charge in a greiter [matter quhilk] may stand to your plesor, ye sall fynd me na less reddy to satisfie your desyr. Remitting the rest to the credite of the berair, comittis yow to the protection of the eternall. At Striueling, the xvi of Julij, 1574.—  
Your Lowying broder at power, Ruthven.

To his weilbelowit bruder  
the Laird of barnbarrow.

Letter by the EARL OF HUNTLY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 13th August 1574.

Rycht traist freind, efter my veray hartlie commendatioun, I ressaued your lettir this fryday at nycht, the xiii of August instant, quhairin ye ar desyruss that I veseit your houss, Quhairof I thank yow, And sall, as god gevis the commoditie, recompence your gudwill. Allvyis I am, god willing, on monin-

<sup>1</sup> William, fourth Lord Ruthven and first Earl of Gowrie, was the writer of this letter. His father Patrick, third Lord Ruthven, married for his second wife Lady Janet Stewart, daughter of John, second Earl of Athole. She had been previously married three times, viz., to Alexander, Master of Sutherland, Sir Hugh Kennedy of Girvan Mains, and to Henry, first Lord Methven, and had issue to all four husbands. Sir Patrick Waus had married a daughter of Sir Hugh Kennedy. He was thus her son-in-law, and William, Lord Ruthven, was her step-son, and he, on that connection, calls him brother.

day nixt to cum to be in wigton, and thairfra myndis to pas to the Reindis,<sup>1</sup> and in my way sall drink with you ; yit becaus I hoip to meit your self on moninday in wigton, I will omit the deliberation taking of my jornayis till I and ye speik togidder. To the quhilk I omit the rest. sua god preserue you. of kenmur, xiii of August, 1574.—Youris guid freind,       Huntlye.

[Address torn off.]

Discharge by GILBERT, FOURTH EARL OF CASSILLIS, of 525 marks,  
28th October 1574.

We gilbert erle of cassillis grantis ws to haif borrowit in numerat money fra patrik Wass of barnbaroth the soum of fyve hundret twenty fyve merkis, for the quhilkis we haif laid in wed to the said patrik ane silver basing and lawer double our gilt rasit work, ane coupe of silver with the cover double our gilt rasit werk, and ane uthir coupe of silver with ane cover of plane work, quhilk soum of fyve hundret twenty fyve merkis we obliss ws, our airis ex<sup>res</sup> and assignais, to thankfullie content and pay to the said patrik, his airis ex<sup>res</sup> and assignais, betwix the dait heiroff and aucht dais befor witsoneday nixtocum ; quhilk failyeing the said patrik and his foirsaidis to haif power to dispone the said silver wesschell as his awin proper guidis, and we nor our foirsaidis never to acclame rycht titill nor entres of the saidis wesschellis in tyme cumene. In witnes of the quhilk thing we the said erle hes subseryvit this our present obligatioun with our hand at the Inche the xxviii day of october, in the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> three scoir fourtene yeiris. Befoir thir witnes, thomas kennedy our bruthir, James kennedy, and Thomas nesmythe, servandis with uthiris dyversis.

g. Erle of Cassillis.

[Endorsed as follows.]

I Thomas nesmythe, servand to my erle of Cassillis, grantis

<sup>1</sup> The Rhinns of Galloway. “ In the moneth of Julii of the nixt yeir (1574) George, Erle of Huntlie, as he was cum to Edinburgh for his affairis in law the Regent causit him to pas and remayne in the province of Galloway, in frie ward, during his will.”—*Hist. of King James the Sext* (Bannatyne Club), p. 150.



me to haif resavit fra the handis of ane honorable man, patrik Wass of barnbarocht, in name and behalf of the said erle, the sowme of fyve hundret merkis money, quhilk suld be gevin to the lard of Adamtoun for redemptioun of certane silver werk he hes in plage of the said erlis, the quhilk silver werk I the said thomas bindis and oblisys me be the fayth and trewth in my bodie to delyver to the saidis patrik in his place of barnbaroth betwix the dait heiroyf and the x day of november nixtocum, but fraude or gyle, conforme to the saidis erlis obligatioun gevin to the saidis Patrik thairupon.

In witnes heiroyf I haif writtin and subscrivit this my present obligatioun with my hand at the kirk of glenluce, the xxix day of october in the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> thre scoir fourtene yeiris befoir thir witnes,

Thomas nesmythe  
with my hand.

Letter from THOMAS NAISMITH to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
5th November 1574.

Rycht honorabill Ser, eftir my maist hartle commendationis of service, It will pleiss your (m) wit that I haif bene twyiss at the lard of adamtoun, quha will nocht resaif the silver that I brocht fra yow for sindre causis, as he allegis, betuix my lord and him, quhilk I haif schawin to my Lord; thairfoir I thocht it maist meit to adverteiss your (m) heiroyf, that I may be adverteisit be yow quhidder I sall keip the silver to yow or nocht, seing ye haif na securite uthir nor the obligatioun, quhilk is nocht fullfillit; or will ye be content I gif it to [my lord,] quha be his writ hes desyrit me to keep the silver unto [his cuming] in this cuntre, thairfoir I pray your (m) to adverteiss me quhat is best for your securite, and keping of my credeit; for I sall nocht part with the money quhill I understand be write that ye ar satefeit. referrand the rest to your (m) anser, I commit yow to the protectioun of god. off mayboill the fyft day of november, 1574.—Be yoris (m) assurit at power,

Thomas nesmythe.

To the rycht honorable and  
my speciall guid freind the  
Laird off barnbarroch.



Copy of Letter from GILBERT, EARL OF CASSILLIS, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 6th February 1574-5.

Brother, eftir my hartlie commendatioun, this salbe to desyre yow to causse sa mony fowlaris as be thair in quhittarne to get me als mony wylde fowles as they may ony wayes, and bring the samen to me to mayboill upon thowrisday nixt to cum, quhair I sall recompence thame baith for the fowlis and the travell at thair plessour. Becauss ane frend hes desyrit me to send him samony fowlis as I mycht purches, quhilk hes causit me writ to you for the same. Heving na farther occasioun, bot reservis the rest thairto, I commit you to God. off Glenluce, the sext of Februar, 1574.—be your brother,

Cassillis.

To my brother  
the lard off  
barnebaroch.

Letter from Andrew STEUART, Master of Ochiltree,<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 10th April 1575.

Brothyr, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun, ye sall wit that me lord my father and I hes greitlie mervellit that ye kepit nocht the xviii day of marche, for it was appoyntit be yowre awne consent. And, as I declarit to yow in edborgt, we that was schosin frindis one it vald nocht agre with owt yowre presence, that was ouermane eleckit be ws baith. And heirfoir, Brother, now as of befoir I will maist ernstlie reqweist yow to keip the saxeint day of this instant appraylle, in the twone of aire, be x howris; As ye sall find me redie In yowre partiewlar, quhen ewir it sall pleis yow to scharg. and geif ye may nocht keip this foirsaid day, ye sall adwerteis me quhat wthir day in this moneith appraylle ye may keip, for compromit expayris at the last of this moneith. And this nocht dowting ye will do, as my speciall trwst is in yow, I will desist, and committis yow to

<sup>1</sup> The Master of Ochiltree died before 1578. He married Margaret, daughter of Lord Methven, who was half sister to Sir Patrick Waus's first wife (see note, p. 90). Hence he calls him brother. Sir Patrick was appointed a Lord of Session on 11th January 1575-6. This letter was probably written before that date.

the protectiowne of god. from wichiltre, the x of this instant  
 apprayle,—Be yowris Brother to be wissit to pwer,

Andro Steuart  
 Maister of wichiltre.

I will luik, Brother, for yowre ainsswer agane with this berar  
 in wryt with expeditiowne.

To the Richt honorable and my  
 speciall Brother the lard of  
 barinbarraich delywar this.

[The following letter refers to a fray, which is thus noticed in the "*Hist. Kennedyis*," quoted above: "Now, my Lord [Cassillis] haiffand tryist in Air, and his friendis with him, the Laird of Carse being in the toune, thair fallis ane discoird betuix sum of my Lordis freindis and Carse, for the breking of ane drwme, quhilk was to ane horse-rease. In the quihilk discord Johne Kennedy of Penquhiren wes schott throw the leg; and James Craufurd, broder to the Gudemanne of Camler was schott in the kinnellis of the thie, quhairoff he was leyammitt all his dayis." —*Hist. Kennedyis*, p. 12.]

Letter from GILBERT, FOURTH EARL OF CASSILLIS, to the LAIRD  
 OF BARNBARROCH, 12th May 1575.

Brother, I commend me hartlie to yow. this salbe to adver-  
 tis yow that my freindis and servandis ar summoundit of new  
 be the craufordis of the Kerss aganis the last of this moneth to  
 underly the law for the hurting of Jame Craufurd in canlarg,  
 quhilk actioun apperis to me intentit for no uther cause bot  
 suppoising ws sua sweir to wair trawell in defence of ane part  
 of our freindis, that rather we suld overluk the slauchtir of sum,  
 quhilk is the mark thai schute at be sic intentit summoundis;  
 bot for my part the rest of the freindis sall nocht find that  
 exampill in me to leif of sua greit ane actioun for the susteining  
 of gretar trubill nor may ly in thair power to procur or invent.  
 Quhairfoir we man nocht fail for the first or secemd jornay in  
 sua gret ane causs. Believing trewlie that all friendis will

regard the causs as ressonne, kyndness, and honestie requiris ; seing the slauchtir of ane of our friendis satifeis tham nocht but persute of the rest, Quhairfoir I beleif there is na honest frind, that richtly regardis his honor and dewtie, will refviss to keip the said day ; to the quhilk I will also affectionuslie request yow, as ye will do me speciall plesor, for I mynd god willing to keip the xxvi of this instant in Edinburt quhair I beleif ye will nocht fail to be present with me, for I mynd to depart of this toun the xxiii of may. Referring the rest to we meit, I commit yow to god. off mayboill, this xii of May 1575, Be your bruther,

Cassillis.

To my bruther the  
Lard of barneberroch.

Letter from KATHERINE HERRIES, LADY GARLIES, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 2d July (perhaps) 1575.

My Lord, eftir hartlie commendatiounis, this present is to put your Lordship in remembrance that I causit my servand, amer Maxwell, to speik to your Lordship this day consarning the wodseting of sum land of my husband, that my husband meinis to do, quhilk is contrair my will and plesor. heirfoir I desyr your Lordship rycht effectuosle, as ye vil do me plesor, to stay your servand, Jhone Carnis, of ony sic purpois desyring of my husband ; for it will moue me and him to greter vraythe nor I will vret. for on na vayis I vil condiseind to that efect, and that be resonne I knaw it sal turne to his gret hurt, gene my sone ony wayis can do him displesor, the quhilk he may do, as I sal gar your Lordship knaw at mair lenthe. nocht douting bot ye vil this do at my desyr, as ye haue done oft befoir, haifing na farder ocasioune at this present, bot committis yow in the protecion of god. vretin at Mundork, the second day of July.—Be youris asurit at pouer,

Katherein Hereis Ladye Garleis.

To the rycht honorabill  
and my belouit the lord  
of barnbarroche.

[This lady, daughter and co-heiress of Lord Herries, married first, Alexander Stewart, younger of Garlies, who was born in 1527 and killed at the surprise of Stirling, 2d September 1571. Her son Alexander succeeded his grandfather in 1590. She married secondly, John Wallace of Dundonald, who is the husband mentioned in this letter, because she also names her son as if he had come to man's estate. She was a minor in 1551, having resigned the Herries lands, *with consent of her grandfather*, Kennedy of Blairquhan, in that year. Her son had a charter on the resignation of his father in 1576, which was probably the date of his marriage, and supposing that he was then aged twenty, and that his mother was twenty at the date of his birth, she would have been born about 1536.]

Letter from ALEXANDER STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 5th July 1575.

My lord, Efter my hartlie commendatioun, your (l) sall undirstand that the lard of drvmlanrik and the lard of large heiss beine trewalland betwyx me gwtsur and me, and heiss tane wpe the warrians thairof in thair handis, quhilk I cwld nocht gwdlie refuiss the lard of dumlanrik for my part, and quhat thay do thair in till I am nocht sartane; quhairfoir I think it meit that your (L) stay the freindis and seruandis at this present; nocht the less I man thank your (l) hartle for your gud wull, quhilk sall nocht be forzeit. the rest I remit to your (L) metine and myne, quha commitis yow to god. of quhuttwrne, the v of Julij, be yowris at povir, Alexander Stewart.<sup>1</sup>

To the rycht honorabill  
and my gud lord Barn-  
barrauch.

Letter from JOHN, LORD MAXWELL, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 26th July 1575.

Honorable Ser, eftir hartlie commendationis, this salbe to latt your ll vnderstand, thair is ane daye of merche appoyntit betuix

<sup>1</sup> He was grandson to the Laird of Garlies, and son of the writer of the preceding letter.

the lord scroip and me, to be haldin the tent daye of august nixt at the kyrk of graitnay. And becaus of the laitt cummerris on the middill bordouris, and the said Lord scroip intendis to be ane grait nummer, I will desyre yow effectuaslie with your freindis, dependaris, and servandis, to keip the said daye and place in maist fensible and warlyke maner; as ye will do the kingis maiestie, his hienes regent, gude and thankfull seruice, and me speciall pleser; and to that effect to be in the toun of annand the said tent daye be aucht houris befor nowne. Sa, luiking for your presence as said is, I commit yow to god. Off Lochnabane castell, the xxvi of Julij, 1575.—Your assurit freind,

Jhon L. Maxwell.

To the rycht honorable the  
Laird of barnbarroch.

[On the 3d of May in this year at a similar meeting on the east borders between the wardens Sir John Carmichael for Scotland and Sir John Foster for England, they had come to blows. Several were killed on both sides, and the Warden of England was taken prisoner to Dalkeith. It was therefore natural that Lord Maxwell, the Warden of the West Marches, should wish on this occasion to have a sufficient force.]

Letter from the EARL OF CASSILLIS to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 25th August 1575.

Brother I commend me hartlie to yow. this salbe to remember yow anent my besenes, quhilk I spak to yow at my departing, and speciallie anent the actioun of salset,<sup>1</sup> that be your lawbour and my aine I may be grawin to sum poynt in that causs, for I haif na uther rovme that is lowss at this present, bot that onelie, quhilk is meist kyndlie, and meitest to me to vse nor ony vther that wald utherwayes attempt to posses my kyndlie rovmes, quhilk I wald haif put to sum end. heir schortly ye myght haif ony way or dress that wer ressonabill, quhilk I may inburding yow with, to tak to ane pece of cummer

<sup>1</sup> The Abbey of Saulseat.



for my weill; for it wer ane frendlie pece of lawbor to bring that mater to guid poynt. As to the rest that I spak to yow, thai ar mair easie to bring to pass. The rest I refer to your Remembrance and Jugement, and commend me hartlie to my sister. fferther I list not to cummer yow with langer lettre at this present. to the nixt advertisment I commit yow to god. off ardstinchar<sup>1</sup> this xxv of August 1575.—Be your bruther,

Cassillis.

To my brother the  
Laird of barnbarot.

Letter from JOHN DUNCANSONE to PATRICK WAUS of  
Barnbarroch, 27th September 1575.

Ser, efter my hartlie commendatione, the causs quhy I send nocht your tak is nocht forgetfulnes, bot beresone<sup>2</sup> I culd nocht get the wther tak fra W<sup>m</sup> smyth to mak it be; for v<sup>m</sup> says that he left your tak in galloway with wther wreittingis, quhairfoir ye sall remember to bring it to me, and I sall thairefter do to your contentment. be guid to w<sup>m</sup> for the yeris past, and he wyll funder me at the brether of the chapteris haid, with quham he is in guid credit. Gyf thair be in this cuntre any thingis quhairin I may pleser yow, aduertise me, and I sall do that quhilk lyes in my powar, as knawis the eternall, to quhaes protection I commit yow and your bedfallow, to quham I pray yow to mak my hartlie commendatione. fra Streveling the xxvii day of september, the yere of god 1575.—Yowris to be commanded in the Lord,

Jhon Duncansone.

To the rycht honorabyll  
patrik waus of barnbaro.

Contract between Mr PATRICK WAUS and CATHERINE LENNOX  
on his buying her Stock and Kindness (Tenant Right) in  
Glenhowl.

At the kenmvyr, the xxiiij day of octobar, the yeir of god  
1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>e</sup> threschoyr fyveteyn yeris. It Is aggreit, and endit, be-

<sup>1</sup> The residence of Kennedy of Bargany.

<sup>2</sup> By reason.

tuix M<sup>r</sup> patrik wawss of barnbarrache on that ane part, and katerin lenox, relyk of vmquhyll george lenox In glenhowill, on the vther part, In maner follovyn; to vitt the said katerin haiss disponit and sald all rycht, tytill of rycht, kyndes, and posses-sione, quhilkis scho haid, or may haif ony maner of vay, In and to the fovyrr merkland of glenhovill, lyand vythin the barronie of glenluce, and serefdom of vigtoun, to the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik vavss, and his ayris: And Siclyk sellis and disponis to the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik all the haill cornis, beyr, and aittis, and stra, quhilkis Is nov Instantlie In the barne yard In glenhovill, togyddyr vyth xii kye and thair folloveris, xxvi scheip, iii horss, vyth all vther scheip and novit In the said tovne; and siklyk admittis the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik to tak vp all restis quhatsumeuer restan on the cotmenis In glenhovill, to be disponit be the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik to his vyss:<sup>1</sup> and alss sall nocht aske, nor creife,<sup>2</sup> the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik of the thrid of ii<sup>c</sup> merkis, quhilkis hyr vmquhyll husband haid vpon the cascrew, bot that the said katerin haife plaice to aske and creife william lenox for the samin. ffor the quhilkis cavissis<sup>3</sup> the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik obleissis him, his ayris, and exoris, to thankfullie content and pay to the said katerin, hyr ayris, and assingnayss, of the sovme of sax hundyareth merkis mony at the termis folloving, to vitt iii<sup>c</sup> merkis betuix and last of decembar nixtocum, and the vther iii<sup>c</sup> markis betuix and the last day of Junii nixt thaireftyr. And alss the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik dischargis the said katerin of all restis, and dettis, quhatsumeuer avyn<sup>4</sup> hym ony maner of vay befoyr the daitt heir of, and that Ilk ane dischargis vther. and siklyk the saidis parteis Is contentit that this present vreitt be registrett in the commisseris bvikis of vigtoun, and that executorialis pass thairvpon In forme as efferis. als the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik sall pay xx libs for the said katerin to male lenox, quhilkis Is promesit hyr; and the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik sall delyuer to the said katerin the coppe, or principall discharge, quhilkis he haiss of villam lenox, quhairby the said katerin may perseve<sup>5</sup> the said villam, as lav vill, for the thrid of the ii<sup>c</sup> merkis. And for verefication heirof the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik haiss Subscryvit this presente vyth his hand; and Jhone

<sup>1</sup> Use.<sup>2</sup> Crave.<sup>3</sup> Causes.<sup>4</sup> Awin, due to.<sup>5</sup> Pursue.

gordone of loychinvar, knycht, and villam lenox of calie haiss  
 Subscryvit for hyr, and at hyr command, day, yeir, and pleiss,  
 foyrsaid, befoyr thir vittnessis, hew campbell of lovdone, yovngar,  
 dauid pryngyll of <sup>1</sup>, and villam aschav In tonefaid,  
 vyth vtheris dyuersis. and alss katerin sall varran the saidis  
 cornis and geyr, befoyr disponit to the said m<sup>r</sup> patrik, as saidis.

J Willam levinox of callie

Barnbarrache.

lochiwer

Hew campbell  
 of cerrinoryen  
 as witnes.

Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
 14th November 1575.

My lord, I haif rasaut your lettir daittit and at Mayboil the  
 last of october, and persauis be the sam of your diseis, of the  
 quhilk trewlie I am sory. suppois ye haif beyn hard to me yit  
 I will your weill. I haif spokin wyth willam Steward, quha  
 affirmis the thing that I wrait of befoir to be trew, and schawis  
 quhom befoir ye spak It, bot all this is na mater. conform to  
 your awin last writing, I haif send this berar wyth ane discharge  
 of ane hundreyth pundis, as ye dissyirit me. I praye your (L)  
 stand my frynd, and performe sic thingis as ye haif promisit  
 to me, and peradwentur I may schaw yow a peice of greitter  
 fryndschip yit nor ewir I haif schawin yow. assuring your  
 (L) ye haif ewill willars, and sum that ye wald not beleif, and  
 your awin cuntre men, quha, as I persaif, inwyis<sup>2</sup> grettlie that  
 ye suld grow gritter nor thai in the cuntre; quha namis I will  
 nocht at this present schaw. Thai haif spokin to my self wary  
 heithlie<sup>3</sup> and lytlefulle for sic things as I had doun to your (L),  
 and I haif gewin tham anser. I haif disponit na manis thing  
 bot my awin, and whom to I prefer best, and that I wald do  
 yit, geif It wor to do; thairfor, put thair myndis to rest, thai  
 allegit that ye suld mak your want<sup>4</sup> that ye had coft that haill  
 land fra me for les nor ane thowsand pundis, and that ye had  
 gottin for the payment of ane hundreth merkis tua hundreth

<sup>1</sup> Blank in original.

<sup>2</sup> Envies.

<sup>3</sup> Scornfully.

<sup>4</sup> Vaunt.

merkis dischargit. I said that wes na mater; I wald geif my geir quhom to I plesit. I suld schaw yow father pleseir yit nor I had in dispyit<sup>1</sup> of all thair hartis; sen, sua as I think ewill to tyne frynds and not to haf your L, thairfor declair your mynd to me, quhat I sall Lippen to, that I ma depend thairapon. fforther, quhair ye wryit that ye ar awand me bot thre hundreth pundis, trewlie ye ar awand me foir hundreth pundis; and, geif it beis fund wthirwis, I sall mak yow ane grit mendis, bot I am suir It is na les. as to the persut of the tenentis, It can not hurt yow, and suppois It be afoir the tyme libellit, the tinsall of that is my awin; In caice it will not serf now, It ma serf efterwartis. I will not truble your L forther, bot committis yow to god. ffrom daildowr, this xiiii of Nowembir, 1575.—be yoris L at power,

Johne of Mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 20th December 1575.

I haif rasaut the L this xix of december, bering that ye had gewin master Johne scharp instructioun for formyng of my libel, for the quhilk I thank your L; bot I haif seyne ane taylour mak a pair of hois in edinbrucht ane sory landwart taylour hes mendit at haym. In your last lettir, writing to me furth of carrik, ye schew me that your awidens wes (in) edinbrucht, and now ye wryit that your ewidens is in galloway, and ye knaw thai man be had; and siclyik ye haif writing sax tymis to me, and said in your letter that I suld nocht be onpayit of the lest peny wythin ten dayis eftir the decret wer gewin, and now ye dryf<sup>2</sup> the tyme wyth me as (ye) did afoir, and regardis na thing your promes. now my lord geif that be al the freyndschip that I sal rasaif at your hand, trewlie I dissyr It nocht, and yit It ma stand that my freyndschip ma do yow pleseir, and we leif all the giddir.<sup>3</sup> forther, quhair ye wald mistane<sup>4</sup> me an hundryth pundis, and sais the secund contrack garris me av,<sup>5</sup> In gud fayth thair wes newir ane missif writing be yow to me sen the be-ginnyng bot I haif tham, and al wthir writis that ewir (wes)

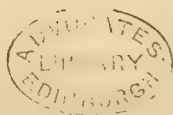
<sup>1</sup> Despite.

<sup>2</sup> Defer.

<sup>3</sup> If we live all together.

<sup>4</sup> Wrong.

<sup>5</sup> Au, owe.





betwix ws. forther as to my oxin, geif ye will nocht send me tham conforme to your promes and hand wryit, I dout nocht bot at lenthe, suppois ye put me to cummir and expensis at this tyme, bot I will (get tham), and that I assuir yow, and forther I haif dissyirit this berar to borrow sum siluir fra yow, and geif I get It nocht, I man think my self the les in your common.<sup>1</sup> I will nocht truble yow forther, bot committis yow to god. ffrom daildown, this xx daye of desember, 1575.—be your L,  
 Johne off Mynto knycht.

To my waraye gud  
 Lord the lard of Barnbarrach.

Letter from Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to the LAIRD OF  
 BARNBARROCH, perhaps 1575.

Brodyr, eftir my hartly commendassionis, I resawid yovr vretting, and quhar ye mein tharin that my aent, yovr bedfallo, vas meining to yov that thar vas swm sorting your company, rathar to agment cavldneis, nor noress<sup>2</sup> amitty; trev it is I schev hir na les, and, as I am informit and hes hard, I vill mak yov prevy tharto at ovr metting, as tym or occasion vill serff. as for yovr devatty<sup>3</sup> or kendess tovardis me, trevilly<sup>4</sup> in my avin parteclaris, or matteris as consarning me, I dovt nocht in yovr kendess or frenscheip quhill I hyf fardar experiens nor I knaw yet, for I consayf na thing of freindis Bot trovtht<sup>5</sup> and onesty, and quhat I knav ovr constant frenschippis is the veill and honour of ws bayth, and na mein in this contray mettar<sup>6</sup> for owdyr nor ve ar, and sall beleff thaim quhill I persayf the contrar in vord. as tovxing<sup>7</sup> the deferens<sup>8</sup> of ovr seruandis, and meining that ye villit me to cavss mondork<sup>9</sup> labovr amangis thaim, as I could persayf be mondork yovr seruand submettit his part tharin to yovr self, and I hard na mair tharof, and quhar ye mein that the lard of bargeny myndis to reiss<sup>10</sup> letteris on that cavss, ye knaw I resauid the lard of bargenys letter of as-

<sup>1</sup> Obligated to you.

<sup>2</sup> Nourish.

<sup>3</sup> Duty.

<sup>4</sup> Truly.

<sup>5</sup> Truth.

<sup>6</sup> More meet.

<sup>7</sup> Touching.

<sup>8</sup> Difference.

<sup>9</sup> The Laird of Mondork.

<sup>10</sup> Raise.



surans ay and quhill he mycht hayf lassar<sup>1</sup> to covm in the con-  
tray, and try the deferens amangis ovr seruandis, quhilkis  
vretting I sennd yov, and resauid ane odyr vretting of yovr  
content vyth the samin, quharthrov I am sarttan the lard of  
bargeny vill nocht feill to keip, or ellis geff ovp, the effek of his  
vretting, and than I sall bleym<sup>2</sup> na man; or geff ye vill tak  
ordovr in the deferens of ovr seruandis I am plessit quhen ye  
think tym, and suay I salbe fovnd at all tymis in the esteet of  
freindly delling, and geff vdervess<sup>3</sup> I feind, I vill be fovnd vyth  
godis (g) do as my onesty or honour is tovxit,<sup>4</sup> and suay ye sall  
feind me redy as ye vill think ressonabill. geff feell may be  
fovnd on my seruandis, and geff thay vill reffuiss me in suay  
doing, I sall beir lyttill vyth thaim. and suay na farder to  
trovbill yov at this present, bot commetis yov to the preseruas-  
sion of the almytty; vyth my hartly commendasseonis to yovr  
bedfallow, quhom god presareff, bayth hir, and the apperans of  
yovr comfort in hir. Yovr broder on the avld manir.

To his trest brodir off  
barnbarocht.

Mocherovm.

Letter from PATRICK M'DOWALL of Logan to Mr PATRICK WAUS  
of Barnbarroch, 20th April.

Rycht honorable Sir and traist freynd, eftyr maist hairtlie  
commendatioun, this present is, and<sup>5</sup> ye be rememberit, I spak  
to yow in Mertoun M'Culloch tueching the hundreth merkis  
money, quhilk ye promesit to me in borrowing upoun my obli-  
gatioun; quhilk money I pray yow to deliver to this berar, and  
ressave my obligatioun fra hym upoun the samyn. Not doutting,  
Sir, bot ye will do the samyn, refers all rest to our meting at  
Mayboill upon Wedinsday nixt is, god willing, and sua committis  
yow to the protection of god. from logane, the xx day of aprile  
be youris freynd at powre, Patrik M'Dowell of Logan.

To the rycht honorable his traist freynd

Mr Patrik Wauss of barranbarocht.

<sup>1</sup> Leisure.

<sup>2</sup> Blame.

<sup>3</sup> Otherwise.

<sup>4</sup> Touched.

<sup>5</sup> An, if.

[This and the following eight letters, without date, or clue to date, not being addressed to Barnbarroch as a Senator of the College of Justice, are placed here at the end of 1575.]

Letter from PATRICK M'DOWALL of Logan to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 14th December 157 .

Rycht honorable Ser, eftyr my hartlie commendatioun, this present is tyll aduerteiss yow that your barne men of the frauch hes bene speikand to me efter siluer, quhilk I suld gevin tham. Ser ye sall wyt I haif it nocht reddie at this present, and that becaus I man mak payment to Ser hew kennedie of the vnlawis, and may nocht gett the samyn to yow sa sortlie as I wald for that caus. forther ser I am contentit to augment the samyn in my reuersioun, quhilk is betuix yow and me, with the byerovn duetie<sup>1</sup> thair of that is betuix yow and me and gif ye will nocht be contentit with this, ye will be sua guide as geif me ane mett[ing] day quhill efter nev yeris mess, and geif ony of thir pless yow ye will wter<sup>2</sup> to the beraris, that my caisionir be nocht molestit quhill that day. forther ser I am informit be John gybsoun, minister of shene (?) kyrk, that the commisser is to pronounce ane decreit aganis me and my tenentis tueching certane byrovn<sup>1</sup> teyndis, as allegit be factoris of saulsett; quhilk I was nevir summonit, nor the summondis cam nevir to my earis. and gif in cace I had bene summonit at logan, It is na duelling place to me this half yeir, as ye ken. forther Ser I will desyir your self, gif ye will, at the consistorie vpone setter-day nixt, to confer with robert maxwell in garrorie, rychart campbell, and Mychaell M<sup>c</sup>crekane, to procur<sup>3</sup> for me, for I haif send certane diffenss to rychart campbell to diffend my said causs, quhilk is ressonable. quhilk diffenss I pray yow Ser adwiss with, and provid betix yow and thaim ane anser to the commisser. prayand yow Ser to send me ane anser in writ with this boy quhider ye will Eik as said is, or contenew quhill efter new yeris mess. nocht trubling yow Ser at this present

<sup>1</sup> Byrun, *i.e.*, past due interest.

<sup>2</sup> Utter.

<sup>3</sup> Appear as procurator.

with forder wretting, bot god haif yow in his protection. of the  
garthland, the xiiii of december.—Youris frynd at all pouer,  
Patrik makdowall of Logan.

To the Rycht honorable  
and my maist speciall  
Eyme and frynd M<sup>r</sup>  
patrik wauss of barnbaroch.

Letter by ADAIR of Kinhilt to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My lord, eftir my hartly commendatioun, I wass adwertesit  
that your Lordscheip and the besoip<sup>1</sup> of orchnaye<sup>2</sup> wald be oup  
trow wesya<sup>3</sup>nd the mwill<sup>4</sup> and the cotra. I praye yowr  
Lordscheip atwertiss me quhen yowr (l) trewis to be oup, and  
yowr (l) and that nobill lord sall haif Intartenement, and be  
welcum rycht hartly to that thing that I maye do. nocht  
trebelan<sup>5</sup> yowr (l) with fardar wrytin, bot comettis yow to god.  
at Drummoir x of agust be yowris assurit frend

kenhelt.

To the Rycht honorabill  
Lord of Barnebarocht.

Letter from ROBERT LINDSAY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, eftir my humill commendatiounis of seruice, plessit  
yowr (l) to wit I am put to the horne be maister Robert stewart<sup>6</sup>  
for the maillis of my few croft, quhilk your (l) knawis it is mair  
vpon evill vill nor for falt of payment; for the sowme is bot vi  
pund and xv s. my lord, I haif payet him during his enteres,  
and can never get ane discharge of him for bygaunis. I haue  
send the said sylluer, quhilk I am put to the horne for, to relax  
and consing;<sup>7</sup> quhair for I will maist ernistlie craif yowr (l)

<sup>1</sup> Bishop.

<sup>2</sup> Orkney. Adam Bothwell was Bishop of Orkney from 1562 to 1593.

<sup>3</sup> Would be up through visiting.

<sup>4</sup> A farm, now called "Meole."

<sup>5</sup> Troubling.

<sup>6</sup> Chamberlain of the Priory of Whithorn.

<sup>7</sup> Consign.

fawer in this causs, as my speciall lord and maister,<sup>1</sup> as I sall be redie to do yowr (l) seruice. nocht trowbling your (l) with langar letter, bot committis your (l) to the protectioun of the almichtie. frome vigtoun, the xxiiii of Junii.—Be your (l) seruand at vttermest of my power,

Robert Lyndsay burgess in  
quhiterin.

I haif send the coppie of the  
letteris, that your (l) may  
know quhat yeiris I am  
chargeit for.

To the Rycht honorabill, and his speciall gude  
Lord and maister, my Lord of barinbarocht.

Letter from M'DOWALL of Freuch to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 13th November.

Eftir my mest hartlie commendasion to your loirdscheip, remembiring yow of yovr last promis to me in barinbarrovch anent the continnevasseon of all thingis betvix yovr (l) and me, for I of ne vayis covld geit ane compirance med to send to yovr (l) for favlt of ane notar, and yovr (l) red schoirtliar nor I lvkit for alvayis I will ernstlie dissyir yovr (l) that all thingis be continuevit, as vas spoiking in barinbarrovch; this I vill loik for, that yovr (l) vill do as my singgvler trest is in yov. and the eternell god to haif yovr (l) in his preiscervassion.<sup>2</sup> from coirissell,<sup>3</sup> the xiii day of november, be yovr (l) to command at pover.

Freuch.

To ane richt honorabill  
M patrik vauis of barnbarrovch  
this be delyuerit.

Letter from GAVIN DUNBAR of Baldoon to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter my hartle commendatioun, pleissit you to

<sup>1</sup> He was iconymus of the priory.

<sup>2</sup> Preservation.

<sup>3</sup> Corvisel.

ramember I vritt to you afor anent maister roger gordonis pley,<sup>1</sup> and sumpart concerning my vyfis<sup>2</sup> pley. I haif resaut na ansuer thairanent as yet, and of nev<sup>3</sup> my vyf<sup>2</sup> hes chargit me with letteris of Inhebetioun and arestmentis vpone my gudis and geir, as the cope<sup>4</sup> of the saidis letteris vill beir at mair lenth. heirfor ye sall rasaif the cope<sup>4</sup> of the letteris vith ane oblegatioun of Jhone maxvell of mwrethis,<sup>5</sup> subschrit vith his hand as afferis, as catioun and svarte<sup>6</sup> for the said restmentis, and to lous<sup>7</sup> the fencis forsaid at quhais handis hes entres to rasaif the said katioun, geif ye think it neidfull that katioun be fund: praying you that ye vill send me the ansuar of my fyrst vrittin, and to get me Intellegens be your aduertesment in quhat manir the actioun is proseidit betuix my vyf and me at this last dyat. farder geif ye think that thair be na dangar to me to vse my avyn<sup>8</sup> geir vithout loosing, or fynding catioun for, the arestment, Lat it rest vnlousit; and geif thair be ony hurt appeirand to cum vpone be that lav, ye sall fynd the catioun as is above vrittin; or ye culd fynd the myoun<sup>9</sup> to get the arestment lousit for ane slycht catioun, that ver na vay strinyeabyll,<sup>10</sup> I var far adetit to you, as I am all rede<sup>11</sup> els. thair is tua of Jhone maxvellis obligationis; ye ma tak your schois<sup>12</sup> of tham, if neid requeris. thair is sum of hyr frendis that sais scho hes gottin ane decreit agans me to pay hir ane mark one the day for hir susstentation, quharof I marvell greitle, gef sa be, I nevyr beyng summoned to that effect, nor yet na probatioun of the quentate<sup>13</sup> of my leving, or yet provyn afor the comesseris, nor na vais na kynd of probatioun led thairanent to preif hir narratyve, and it is forby<sup>14</sup> the fyrst vrittin ye vrit to me anent this actioun; herfor my lord I pray aduerties of all thingis as is forsaid vith this berar, and quhat expences ye mak aduerteis me thair of, and I sall send it to you vith the thankis and trev frendschip that lyis in me to do; and sua refaris the rest to your aduertesment vith the fyrst ye can haif knavelege of that cumis in this cuntre,

<sup>1</sup> Plea.<sup>2</sup> Wife's.<sup>3</sup> New.<sup>4</sup> Copy.<sup>5</sup> Now Monreith.<sup>6</sup> Surety.<sup>7</sup> Loose.<sup>8</sup> Awyn, own.<sup>9</sup> Moyen, means.<sup>10</sup> Stringent.<sup>11</sup> Already.<sup>12</sup> Choice.<sup>13</sup> Quantity.<sup>14</sup> Beside, different from.



and the aternall god to haif you in his keiping. at bandone,  
the xvijj day of Junii, Be youris trast frend at povar,

Gavyn Dunbar of  
bandone.

To the rycht honorabill  
and my speciall  
lord of barnebaroch.

Letter from GAVIN DUNBAR of Baldoon to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter my hartle commendatioun, pleisit you to  
ramember I desyrit you to speik vith maister rogair gordoun  
anent the agreans<sup>1</sup> of vs consarning my croft, heirfor I desyr  
you to tak sum laubouris thairanent, and se geif ye can agre vs  
by the lav<sup>2</sup>; vising<sup>3</sup> you to speik him in sic manir as he may  
tak na appinyeoun<sup>4</sup> that ye fauour my part better nor his, bot  
as ane equall man to se the veill of vs baith alik, quharby he is  
abill to do for you, and apoyint sum meitting betuix vs affor<sup>5</sup>  
you or<sup>5</sup> ye pas of this cuntre. I am hamle<sup>6</sup> to scharge you, as  
ye do nocht me; bot and ye fynd me [nocht als trev] bayth in  
vord and deid to you as becumis me of my devetie [ <sup>7</sup>  
morrall<sup>8</sup> [ <sup>7</sup> gis of your kin or thai that geifis farest  
vordis thairefter [ <sup>7</sup> or findis the contrar I vill neuer  
desyr your gud vill. and ref[erring the rest] to your voisdome;  
and god to haif you in his keiping.—Be youris [assurit] frend at  
povar,

Gavyne d[unbar]  
of bandone.

To the rycht honorabill  
and my speciall lord  
barnbaroch.

Letter by JAMES M'CULLOCH to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efter my verie hartle commendations of servece,

<sup>1</sup> Agreeance.

<sup>2</sup> Law.

<sup>3</sup> Wishing.

<sup>4</sup> Opinion.

<sup>5</sup> Before.

<sup>6</sup> Hamelie, homely.

<sup>7</sup> Paper gone.

<sup>8</sup> ? Drummorall.

your Lo sall witt that I saw robert prestoun this day att aucht houris, with four officiaris directit with him be michael gilbert<sup>1</sup> and Johne robertsone, bailzeis, to putt me In wairds: quhilk I persavit, and eschapit, howbeit I was nocht of that mynd. persaweing thar unressonabill and undescreit deilling, I think of dewtie I am na les obleissit nor to use thame as thay thocht to hawe usit me. I wnderstand I am nocht in thar danger, and lykwayis I knaw your L to beir thame with better gud will nor me. I am to respect youris and thar gudwillis as I find thame. thai seik my wraik. my wraik is my lyffe, and all salbe ane; and I dowt nocht bot to start thame, or sum of thame, or<sup>2</sup> I die. as for ony thing thay ar to burdene your Lo. for me as cautionar, Latt your L and thame contend thairfoir, for releisse hawe ye nane of me, nor sall hawe nane. I enterit the xvi of may, as ane Instrument tane thairupon beiris, tharfoir quhat ye (ye) do, or can do, for thar pleassor, quhome I knaw ye tender mair nor me I regaird nocht. this schortle I bid your L. farweill. from duddestoun, this fryday to evin.—Your Lo tu his pouer gewe your L. be my frend,

James MaCoulach.

To my assurit ffrend  
and the honorable  
my Lord of barnebarroch.

#### Letter from JAMES M'CULLOCH to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efter verie hartle commendatioun of serveice, It will pleis your (L) I ressavit your letter directed frome edyr the penult of Junii this Settirday In the kenmor<sup>3</sup> the xiii of this Instant, to be at your (Lo) In edyr the xiiii or xv of Julij Instant, to releiffe your (Lo); for the xvi of the samyn was assignit to your Lo to enter me, or than your (Lo) to remane caution for me de Juditio sisti et Judicatum solui. It Is trew

<sup>1</sup> Michael Gilbert, burgess of Edinburgh, is named in Register of Privy Council on 6th January 1562-3.

<sup>2</sup> Before.

<sup>3</sup> Kenmuir Castle.

your L servand come to this cuntrie Immediatle efter the dait of your (lo) letter, quha hes bene seikand me In all places heir-about, bot culd<sup>1</sup> find me quhill now, becauss I was In Air,<sup>2</sup> and come hame be the ryndis of galloway;<sup>3</sup> Sua that It Is nocht possibill to me to keip this day of entrie for tua caussis, first becauss the proclamation Is sa strait heir, that all persones quhatsumeuer betwix saxtene and saxtene<sup>4</sup> sall repair to the bordouris with threttie dayis victuall to avait vpoun the luiftennand, to the quhilk all this cuntrie is ryddie this day, bodin In feir of weir: the quhilk I am certane wilbe ane sufficient causs quhairfor your (lo) suld nocht enter me this day. I know the towneschip will do na wrang, howbeit my compeditour be thair nyctbour, and I am stranger; and howbeit the proclamation had bene na stay, I culd nocht cum vpon this warnyng. Nevertheles my Lord, nocht-withstanding the proclamation, for your Lo releiffe I sall nocht fail to enter my selffe In the tolboyth of edyr the xxv of this Instant, to abyd and suffir all that the law will astrictt me to, quhilk I traist salbe lytill, geiffe Justeis haw plaice; as I am assurit I will ressaue na wrang be that Jugement, and geiffe thay vthervayis do, I know quhair to remeid it. Nochtwithstanding that this proclamation wilbe ane sufficient defenss for my entrie at this tyme, I will say that, apairt and withowt ony forder delay, I sall enter the day forsaid, and that day geiffe<sup>5</sup> In my defenssis, gewe thai will continew the mater In the same estait as It Is In now; vthervayis Lait thame proceid as thai pleis, for the greitter wrang I gett I am the bettir. I traist na Suddanetie wilbe vsit be thar Jugis for ony particular solistation of my aduersaris, quha I grantt hes mair court thair nor I, bot In vther places we ar alyk. god grantt thame patience, bot he will derectt thair proud and greddie harttis as I hawe, or Is to ressaue, ganis. the Lord prosper thair pakkis.<sup>6</sup> I will seis to preiche, bot I will committ your (lo) to the protection of the almichtie. frome kenmor,

<sup>1</sup> "Nocht" seems to be omitted here.

<sup>2</sup> Ayr.

<sup>3</sup> The Rhins of Galloway.

<sup>4</sup> Mistake for "saxtie."

<sup>5</sup> Give.

<sup>6</sup> Paik, a trick.

this xiiij of Julij.—Your Lo assurit ffreind at his power with  
serveis,

James Makeculloch.

To the Rycht honorable  
and my verie gud Lord  
my Lord of barnebarroch.

Letter from PATRICK FLEMING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.  
[Holograph.<sup>1</sup>]

My lord, efter my maist hartle commendation, I hafe resawyt  
your (l) presep of warrandis in dowbill form; your (l) sall owe  
the overdowir<sup>2</sup> of law as yovr (l) thynkis gud. I wyll nocht par-  
dovrb your (l) in the law for hynderyng of your (l) prosedyng  
wyth otheris nor me. I wyll kip your (l) frist regiment of the frist  
somentis<sup>3</sup> your (l) send me wyth yowir (l) handvryt, nocht to be  
ablamett<sup>4</sup> thairwyth, becauss yovr (l) behovit to varn the haill  
landis: thairfoir my lord I salbe the gud fallow, and sall stoip  
nane of yowir (l) prosedyns, lowkand<sup>5</sup> for kipand of promyssis.  
gif promyssis beis nocht kipit, I wyll say sum thyng, and pair-  
haipis do sum thyng to, to tham that wryngis<sup>6</sup> me. It is lattyng  
me to vnderstand that your (l) sovld assend<sup>7</sup> to me to await your  
(l) at girwand; I vas neuer that provid<sup>8</sup> bot I vald await your (l)  
feirdar ayf nor girwand, geif your (l) wald arequhyerIt<sup>9</sup> me.  
your (l) sall onderstand I com to na trystis wythovet I be dis-  
syerit thairto, and weist nocht of your (l) beand thair; bot als  
mekill as sanderis makye com and spak wyth me, and schow me  
your (l) wald be thair, and sperit ait me gef I vald be at the  
tryst, I schew hym gif the lord bargane<sup>10</sup> send me vord to com  
thair I vald com thair. Sanderis makye dissyer at me gif yoor  
(l) and I was agreit; I belefe he kan tyll my storie on to your (l),  
gif he has nocht tald It. he schow me ye paroffart prestre<sup>11</sup> to  
hym, and said that your (l) had greit vith ma. your (l) may gif  
prestre quhom to ye pless, bot nowder your (l) nor na ovder that

<sup>1</sup> This letter is more difficult to decipher than any in the collection, and some of the readings are doubtful.

<sup>2</sup> Use the overdoing.

<sup>3</sup> Summonses.

<sup>4</sup> Blamed.

<sup>5</sup> Looking.

<sup>6</sup> Wrongs.

<sup>7</sup> Have sent.

<sup>8</sup> Proud.

<sup>9</sup> Have required.

<sup>10</sup> Kennedy of Bargany.

<sup>11</sup> The farm of Prestrie.

wyll oulder mail with prestrie wythowit my gud wyll and  
 kyndass he salbe sowrit<sup>1</sup> he sall hafe nene of my gud wyll, and  
 salbe sour<sup>2</sup> of ane evyll torn. I belefe Sanderis makie wyll  
 schovit<sup>3</sup> na manis kyndle roumis to bryng hymselfe in trubill,  
 nor na other honest man mair nor he. my lord, I har monythyng,  
 and mair nor I lowkit for, at your (l) last mettyn and mynd: I  
 belefe It ovderwyis nor I am informeit now, bot yowir (l) Is be-  
 haldyn to your god that has that<sup>4</sup> to speik and thynk  
 quhat your (l) plessis, and do thairefter as your (l) thynkis gud  
 I haife to do, and may nocht kyp your (l) covrtis in vyigton in  
 respek that the young lard of garleis Is ewyll giffyn on to me,  
 and that nocht of his awane haid, bot of gud consall geffynd hym  
 quha wald haf me teik It ovt of thair way, bot godwylling he  
 wyll tak batter avyissmant, and the wryk ment to lycht on tham  
 salf that consallis hym. now my lord your (l) knawis I hafe  
 bund my factoris with mony gud wordis, baythe be toving and  
 wryit, wyth your (l) this viii or ix yeris bygan, and nocht to my  
 proffet as yet; thairfoir my (l) I vyll dessyir yowir (l) now at ane  
 instant to lat me knaw of yowir (l) gud wyll and kyndass, and  
 quhat I sall lippin on to, and gif the andsovir<sup>5</sup> vn to this berar  
 wyth owt dessaitfvoll turnis. your (l) knawis my honestie vn to  
 your (l); as to yowir (l) honeste vn to me as yeit, ryekynd<sup>6</sup> wyth  
 yowir (l) awane weysdom, I think to ryid owt wyth in viii or ix  
 dayis to cowrt, hoipand, my lord and chaef,<sup>7</sup> to be restorit. thair-  
 foir I vyll dessyir your (l) andsovir<sup>5</sup> that I may knaw the grun<sup>8</sup> of  
 your (l) gud mynd: gif It beis foir my contentment I am the mair  
 behaldyn to your (l), gif It beis nocht I am the las adetIt vn to  
 your (l); and gif your (l) wyll wryt me na andsour<sup>5</sup> I vyll lovik<sup>9</sup>  
 foir na fordar gud wyll novr kyndass of your (l), and your (l) sall  
 do the lyik of me, for I gait na kyndass I aycht<sup>10</sup> the las gud  
 vyll. refferis the rest to your (l) veissdom wyth your (l) andsour.  
 mak my commendation to my lade your badfallow, and tyll her  
 (l) I kipIt promyis vn to her that scho dessyirIt me, sopes It  
 vas skythe<sup>11</sup> vn to my sell. thair is a god ovr, and this I bid the

<sup>1</sup> Assured.<sup>2</sup> Sure.<sup>3</sup> ? Shout, or covet.<sup>4</sup> Perhaps couraj or coning.<sup>5</sup> Answer.<sup>6</sup> ? Reckoning.<sup>7</sup> Doubtful.<sup>8</sup> Inclination (doubtful).<sup>9</sup> Look.<sup>10</sup> Aucht, i.e. owe.<sup>11</sup> Skaith.



lord to haf your (l) in kipand at                      the xvi day of october  
 be your (l) as the caus requhyris.                      patrik flemyng.

My lord gef your gud son or his fader myillis<sup>1</sup> vyth ony  
 thyng I haf ta do vyth I inform your (l) thay salbe sour thay  
 had batter lat It alan.

To my gud lord  
 my lord barynbaroche.

[The Laird of Barnbarroch was Iconomus to the Priory of Whithorn. The expression at the beginning of the following letter from Lord Robert Stewart, the commendator, "ye will end with me gif ye may haif ane helper," may point to its having been written when he agreed to undertake that office. Lord Robert was created Earl of Orkney in 1581; it was therefore before that date.]

Letter from Lord ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
 to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, Efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I haif ressaut  
 your letter, and vnderstandis that ye vill end vitht me gif ye  
 may haif ane helper, quherby that your contrei men suld find  
 na faut vitht yow in respect that all tymes ye villit them to do  
 their dutei vnto me. as to their part I taik small accumpt of it,  
 but it is our lang to live ane vthir yeir<sup>2</sup>, quhilk is verray  
 hard to ane gentill hart to suffer the ingrait handeling of sik as  
 he hes bein beneficiall vnto. for my part I haif concludit vitht  
 my self, as I vrett to your (L) before, and, gif ye mean to end  
 vitht me, the shoner the better, for I haif driven vtheris of for  
 a quhyll, to quhom I man gif ansuer about sanctandroiss day;  
 therefor it is best that your (L) and I be at sum certainty, for  
 gif I cast vtheris of for your causs, it vere maist meit that we  
 vere at sum point. I traist that my servand homer shew your  
 (L) the particular sowm quhilk I desyr be cordit,<sup>3</sup> and let yow  
 send sik ansuer anent the sum as ye think guid, and the vther  
 avaiill quhat ye vill bid. not villing to truble your (L) vitht

<sup>1</sup> Mells, *i.e.* meddles.

<sup>2</sup> Illegible.

<sup>3</sup> Accordit, agreed.

prolixit letter, but referris credit to the berar, and sua committis your (L) into the protectioun of the eternall. from stirveling the xxvii day of november.—Your (L) assurit freind,

Robert commendator of quhithern.

My creditoris are verray sair in craving their dettis quhilk compellis me to maik the greter diligence, or sum moyen to get my selfe fred therof.

To the Rycht honorable  
and speciall guid freind  
Laird of barnbarracht.

Mr PATRICK WAUS's Appointment as a Lord of Session,  
11th January 1575-6.

Rex.

Chancellare, president, and lordis of counsall and sessioun, we greit yow weill. fforsamekle as it is vnderstand to ws, and oure rycht traist cousing James erll of Mortoun, lord of dal-keith, Regent to ws, our realme, and leigis, that thair is diuerss places vacand of the ecclesiasticall personis of your nowmer, quhairby our liegis ar hinderit of Justice, And knowing the gude qualificatioun and affectioun to our seruice of our weilbelouit Maister patrik Wawss of barnbarrach, persoun of wigtoun, haue thoct expedient To nominat the said Mr patrik to be ane of the senatouris of the said college, and to be placit in the rowme of maister Robert maitland dene of Aberdene, vacand be his inhabilitie; Requiring yow heirfore To admit and ressaue the said maister patrik in the foirsaid rowme, To haue vote amangis yow as ane of the ordinar senatouris, Ressaue his aith of fidelitie for administratioun of Justice, As vse is in sic caisis. Gevin vnder our signet, and subscriuit be our said cousing and Regent, At Edinbur<sup>t</sup>, the ellevint day of Januar, And of our Reigenn the nynt yeir, 1575.

James Regent.

(Dorso)

x January 1575.

Admissioun of Mr patrik waus persoun of wigtoun In ordinar place of maister robert maitland.

[The following letter is by Margaret Kennedy, widow of the third Earl of Cassillis, who died in 1558, and daughter of Kennedy of Bargany. She had been previously married to Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie, and thus calls the Laird of Craigie her son.]

Letter from the COUNTESS OF CASSILLIS to her Son-in-law, the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, January 1575-6.

Sone, efter hartlie commendatiounis, ye sall wit I haif resavit ane wretting of youris fra Jhone murchie, and I senit till Sir Hew at your desyre; and ye sal wit that it is schawin to me that my sone the Laird of Cragy suld sell the Landis of ferstoun to my Lord regentis grace, quhairfore I pray that ye will schaw my Lord regen that the thriddis of theis Landis ar myn for my lyfytyme; and suppois my sone the Laird of Cragy hes said to my Lord regentis grace that he will satisfie me, I watte nocht quhow that will be; bot alwayss I wald that ye aduerteisit his grace of the maner; for geif I be nocht satisfeit, I man speir efter the thing that I haif rycht to; and ye sell send me his answer in wrette With the nixt that cummis betuine. ye sell resaeue the keis of my mikkle coffer, and is for the lytill coffer ye man gar mak ane key till it, and ye sell wrette to me geif ye haif gottin sic graith is I wrette to yow—Ye sell send me word quhat my sone thomas<sup>1</sup> did anent the day that wes betuix his brother and him, or quhat estait it standis in betuix his brother and him, and quhow thingis is lyk to work anent my sone my Lordis<sup>2</sup> awin business—Ye sell wit that the Laird of “keluod”<sup>3</sup> is transportit out of “thomastoun”<sup>4</sup> till “craigneill,”<sup>5</sup> bot he grew cummirsum, and spak prud wordis, that thai that wes with him mycht scaircelie suffer him, and had maist groun till euill amang

<sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Kennedy of Colzean.

<sup>2</sup> Fourth Earl of Cassillis, died 1576.

<sup>3</sup> John Corrie of Kelwood.

<sup>4</sup> Thomastoun Castle, about half a mile south-east of the present Castle of Colzean.

<sup>5</sup> The residence of the Earl of Cassillis, near Colmonell. Kelwood was taken to it on 3d January 1575-6.—*Reg. Privy Council*, 9th February 1575-6.

thame.<sup>1</sup> is for novellis, ther is none in this cuntray, uther nor that quhilk I haif wrettin, and geif thir wer ye suld be adverteisit. Ye sell send me hame sum part of aplis, and franche peirs, geif ther be ony ther, with haif ane ell of fine blak satin. I will nocht cummer yow with langer letter, bot referris as till your nixt advertisement; and, geif ther be ony uther thing that ye wald that I did, adverteiss me, and it sell be done. I haif nocht gottin wit, nouder in word nor wrette, fra my dochter sen gilbert M<sup>c</sup>Alex<sup>r</sup> brocht me it. nocht ellis, bot committis yow till the Almychtie god, quha motte haif yow in his keipping. frome Mayboill, the penult day of this Instant moneth.—Be youris modir,

Cuntes of Cassillis.

Too my sone the Laird of  
Barrinbarroch.

Letter by MICHAEL M<sup>c</sup>CREKAN to MR PATRICK WAUS of  
Barnbarroch, 29th January 1575-6. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter hartlie commendatioun of service, I wraitt of  
befoir [ <sup>2</sup> ] sum thing quhilk concernit

<sup>1</sup> This seems to refer to the story which is thus told in the "Historie of the Kennedyis: " "At that time the Laird of Kelwod, being ane depender and servand to my Lord of Cassillis, byis fra ane pwir wyff ane peace of gold, quhilk they callit ane leigna, off ane pund wechtt or thairby, quhilk scho fund in ane barne within my Lordis landis. And the word ryssing that the same suld be xx tymes als gude as it wes, my Lord send to Kellwod, and desyritt the samin to be send to him; bot Kellwod refusit, and said that the samin wes his awin, and that he had bocht the samin with his awine mony. My Lord, resaffing this ansuer, wes in ane gritt readge thairat; and the Laird of Bargany being in Mayboll, they maid to tak the Laird of Kelwod out of his hous; and being maister of the fieldis, incloisit the samin. And coming in the nycht to the yetthous, quhilk wes joynit to the jayme of the mayne hous; the pend of the yetthous being thair warrand that the hous culd not do thame wrang, thay brak ane hoill throw the wall of the jayme. The Laird of Kelwod, fering the samin, cum to taking with thame; and wes content to cum to the Laird of Bargany vpone conditione that he vald saiff his lyff. And sa he wes tane, and brocht to Mayboll. And the gold being send, he wes sufferit to depairtt. But so schone as he wes out of handis, he rydis to Edinbrughe, and chargis thame to compeir for his taking; quhair thay war evill trublett; bot in the end gat monyis, and wes fred fra the same."—*Hist. Kennedyis*, p. 11.

<sup>2</sup> Words obliterated by damp.

my self, to haif bein resolute of [ <sup>1</sup>] of the  
 quhilk I obtenit na anser as yitt; And now margaret ahannay  
 and pate mvldin hes bein at me, schawand that the seref wald  
 haif poyndit thair guddis for the raleif <sup>2</sup> of the landis of capan-  
 ach, exteinding to xxij<sup>lib</sup>; x<sup>s</sup> of quhilk restis vpoun the schirreff.  
 I past to the serref, and hes gottin the samyne Supercedit for  
 xxi dayes. Thairfore ye pleis to maik sum dress thairfoir, and  
 see gif ye can gett the samyn dischargit; for the young serref  
 Is past furth to the effect to raleif his fadar, gif he may, of the  
 vnlaw quhill the nyxt chakkar. ye haif your bruther dochter <sup>3</sup>  
 raleif to do for, and ye ar addettit to raleif the said margaret  
 ahannay in your contract of the samyn, quhilk I am assurit ye  
 will do. I pray your (L) to do diligence heirintill for the weall  
 and honour of thaim quha traistis in yow. nocht dowting the  
 samyn, and your anser. At wigthouse, the xxix day of Januar,  
 1575.—be youris L seruand efter seruice,

Michael m<sup>c</sup>crekan  
 burges in wigthoun.

I can becum ta na money fra william  
 M<sup>c</sup>Culloch, quhilk I knaw Is far by <sup>4</sup> your (l)  
 command at your departing.

To his maist speciall  
 lord Mr Patrik Wawss  
 of barnbarroch.

Letter from MICHAEL M<sup>c</sup>CREKAN to the LAIRD OF  
 BARNBARROCH. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my maist humyl and hartlie commendationis  
 off seruices, I ressaut ane writtine of your (l) concerning the  
 anser of my writting send to your (l) befor my lord cutt away  
 the formar expectationis, and caus execute of the new be Sum  
 guid and faithfull messingar; for as to m<sup>c</sup>morran, he is nocht  
 luiffit be thaim ye haff ado with, and rycht sua. I vnderstand  
 him to be facile, and sua willis your (l) to caus do your execu-

<sup>1</sup> Words obliterated by damp.

<sup>3</sup> Helen Waus, wife of Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Kie.

<sup>2</sup> Relief.

<sup>4</sup> Contrary to.



tionis and denunceationis formalie be gude ordour, and than all your (l) purpossis cummes directlie. quhat seruices I can Is reddie to be commandit. thankand your (l) for the fauowrable writting contenit in your (l) last writting, Nocht forgettand my humyll commendationis of seruice to your (l) ladie, Nocht trubilling your (l), bot committis your (l) to the protection off the almyehtie. At Wigtoune, the nynte of aprele, be your (l) seruand to be commandit,

Michael m<sup>c</sup>crekane.

To his maist special lord  
my lord off Barnbarroch  
this be deliwerit.

[The writer of this letter and M'Morran, whom he holds so cheap, were both messengers-at-arms.]

Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
16th February 1575-6. [Holograph.]

My lord, eftir my wareye hartle commendatioun, I haif rasauit your lettir, schawand that ye had seyn ane lettir of myne send to my cousing willam steward, schawand that geif balsmyth<sup>1</sup> wor nocht ane fyif pund land, and geif I haif nocht stennok<sup>1</sup> In my confirmation and chartur, that I wes content to oblis myself to discharge al the obligatioun that suld be payit In caice my lord robert<sup>2</sup> obteyn withorn of his part. my lord, I trow ye sall nocht fyind my writing beir that, bot I am content geif balsmyth be nocht ane fyif pund land in the old rentall; for I had na wthir ground to mak my few chartur bot onlie apoun the rentall. for It ma be mair nor fyif pund land, and It ma be les, bot trewlye the rentall beis sua. yit notwithstanding I am content as it be delyit<sup>3</sup> furth of the contrak and chartor, and sa mekill of the sowm be defasit as balsmyth cumis to. or yit, geif your L plesis nocht that, geif it beis tryit efterwarts that balsmyth be les nor fyif pund land, I am content to obleis my

<sup>1</sup> Name of a farm.

<sup>2</sup> Lord Robert Stewart, Commendator of Whithorn.

<sup>3</sup> Delete.

self to rebat sa mekill of the obligatioun that I fow to god to obteyn, or ells to randir sa mekill siluir, quhilk ye pleis, as the said balsmyth wantis of fyif pund land according to your payment, or mair be your awin resonable discretioun; and ane of thai I think your L can nocht weill refus. as to stennok I know the sam to be in my chartur, and confirmit be my lord of lewinox,<sup>1</sup> for I wil put yow In remembrance quhen ye gat prestre<sup>2</sup> fra me, ye causit me to mak my chartur of new, and quhar barwarynocht wes in my chartur fyifmerk land, ye causit me mak It bot foir merk land, and causit me alter the hail peyment of the hail soumis of preste,<sup>2</sup> and causit me get that chartur confirmit, and nocht my first chartur, and sua I can nocht obliss my self to tyne the adwentur of fyif hundryth puns, quhilk the obligation will cum to, for the peyment of sa mekill silver as the distans of the landis will extend to. quhair ye wald knaw the tyme of the confirmation, In gud fayth I ramembur It nocht weill, bot my lord of lewinox<sup>1</sup> ring<sup>3</sup> wes schort, and It ma be swn soch[t] furth for sobir expensis. my lord this far I will do, and lat me haif your Lordschipsis anser als schortle as ma be, for your L knawis I haif had ane gentilman still waittand apon this tua moneth and mair, and now I haif ane ansur. forther my cousing will schaw yow whom to It will plis your L geif credit. I will nocht truble yow forther. of Dalldown, this xvi of februar, 1575.—be your L at al power,

Johne of mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

To my Waraye gud Lord.  
the Lard of barnbarrocht.

Letter from NICHOL DUNGALSTONE, Minister at Kirkinner, to Mr PATRICK WAUS, 27th February 1575-6. [Holograph.]

Rycht honorable Ser, efter my hartlie commendatioun of service, plesit yow to wit my Lady your wyf schow me that your m wald remember of my causs anentis the lard heron vitnessing, and do for it; prayand your m to se gif ye may get me Dravin, and that in respect I knaw nathing in that actioun, as I

<sup>1</sup> Lennox, Regent.

<sup>2</sup> Name of a farm.

<sup>3</sup> Reign.

sall anser befor god, saiffand that patrik m<sup>c</sup>dowell in librek had sic ane voman mariet, callit to name christin m<sup>c</sup>dowell. Mairower ye sall wit that day Johne martyne, vicar off Longcaster,<sup>1</sup> rasit lettres, summonding me to edinburgh aganis the sextene day of fabruar last bypast, alleging and saying that I had put him wrangusly to the horne, and that in respect he is contentit to decest<sup>2</sup> and ceiss<sup>3</sup> fra my designit landis at Longcaster, and hes fund cautioun befor the Lordis to that affect, and hes gottin my lettres of horning suspendit to the xxiiij day of fabruar last vas; Quhilk lettres of horning, and copy of the said summondis, I send to striviling,<sup>4</sup> to my cowsing<sup>5</sup> the kyngis (g) minister, togidder with the executionis of the said lettres, desyring him be his acquaintance to causs kep my day of comperance, quhilk vas the xvi day of fabruar as said is, and I can nocht tell graythlie quhat is done thairintill, for he hes vrittin to me that he vas requestit in edinburgh<sup>6</sup> to tak vp the mater quhill his cummyng in galloway in hope of concord, quhilk wald be, as he vrittis to me, about the fyrst of merche. I haif luiked avill<sup>7</sup> vpon the mater, for gif I had send my lettres to your (m), ye wald haif gottin me ane decreit aganes my com-peditouris, and also vtheris lettres direct to the serref, to put me in possessioun, and I fear now, ser, throw my cousingis negligence in my absens, gif the lettres be callit, It will preiuge my rycht for a tyme. Quhairfoir, Ser, It will pleis your (m), gif the lettres be callit befor yow in my absens, to protest that thai sall nocht preiuge my rycht or title, forder than vnto the production of my lettres of horning, and also to get me ane decreit contrar Dene Johne martyne,<sup>8</sup> and that becaus he hes grantit to desist and ceiss in all tymis cummyng, and hes fund cautioun actit befor the lordis to that effect, as the narratyve of his lettres beris. And in your absens, ser, causs sum of your acquaintance to haif respect to thir premissis quhill your cummyng bak to edinbrugh again; gif thai sall happin to be callit, m<sup>r</sup> robert

<sup>1</sup> Longcastle.<sup>2</sup> Desist.<sup>3</sup> Cease.<sup>4</sup> Stirling.<sup>5</sup> Cousin.<sup>6</sup> "Not" seems to be omitted.<sup>7</sup> Evil.<sup>8</sup> Dean John Martine belonged to the Priory of Whithorn, for which Mr Robert Stewart seems to have acted as agent.

steward hes dene Johne martynes lettres, and dois all that he dow for him to hinder me. I haif trubillit your (m) with our lang letter. nocht ellis, but referis the rest to your (m) visdoun in the Lord, To quhais Infallible protection I committ you to. of kirkynner, the xxvii of februar 1575 Be youris servand—at his uttermaist to be commandit,

Nichol Dungalsone minister  
at kirkynner etc.<sup>1</sup>

To the rycht honorable  
and his speciall guid  
master Mr Patrik Wauss  
off Barnbarrache and lord  
of cessione.

Letter from THOMAS KENNEDY of Bargany to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun, Your (l) Ramemberis the decreit obtenit be ewffem forgussoun aganis the Laird of kellwod<sup>2</sup> for hyr fatheris Infetment of the Landis of knokgeirane and altucapill m<sup>c</sup>cubein, vpone the quhilk scho obtenit letteris of four formes, chargeing kellwoid for delyuere to hyr of the samyn; with the quhilk he is chargit, and I vnderstand he hes send to get suspensioun of the chairge, quhairvpone I will pray your (l) to attend, and stop the samyn as ye may, except be fullfylling of the decreit; for thocht kellwod wald consinge<sup>3</sup> ane Infetment of alss mekill als guid land, yit scho can nocht enter thairto as air to hyr father; and I beleif he sall nocht Infet hyr of alss mekle of hyss, to be

<sup>1</sup> The will of Lady Janet Kennedy (Lady Barnbarroch), who died there on 8th June 1566, was written and signed by Nicholas Dungalsoun, minister of Kirkinner. On the back of it is written: "The cost of this testament confirmit as It standis extendis to four pundis vii s. viii d.—Duncane levingstoun."

<sup>2</sup> George Corrie of Kellwood had been taken prisoner out of his own house by the Earl of Cassillis and the Laird of Bargany on 11th January 1575-6. He was then at the horn, from which he was relieved on 14th February 1575-6. This letter may have been about that date.—*Reg. Privy Council*.

<sup>3</sup> Consign.

haldin of his superiour in the samyn kynd, as hyr fathir had the vthir Landis of the abbot of croceraguell perpetualie in heretaige. giff he pass to the horne for nocht fullfying of the chaire, ye Ramember quhat was aggreit vpone betuix ws, quhilk for my part I sall keip. I luik for the samyn in your (l). Ramitting all vthir thingis to your (l) aduerteissment, and will nocht truble you with langar letter, I commit your (l) to god. of bargany, this viii of July.—Your (l) assurit at pouar,

Bargany.

To his speciall guid  
Lord my Lord of  
Barnbarrach.

Letter from the EARL OF CASSILLIS to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
11th April 1576.

Brother, I commend me hartlie to yow. I haif ressavit yowr wreitting, and findis guid to use your aviss as ye haif writtin. And ferther I man wreit to yow to tak sum ordour with the Justice clerk anent lettres, quhilk I rasit upoun the Lard of kerss, to underly the law agane the x of maij, quhilk can nocht tak na guid success in ony effect worthie to me or my freindis to travell for, in respect Johne chalmer hes showin me that the Lard of kerss<sup>1</sup> and his complices hes gottin ane Respit for ane yeir, sen I come of edinbur<sup>t</sup> that I usit the lettres to persew that actioun. Lykewayes I man travell to haif the horning upoun the tenentis of salset<sup>2</sup> reducit or annullet be your help, In respect he hes na actioun aganis them, bot aganis me, quha aucht him nowther males nor dewities; and as for teindis, I can nocht tell gif he hes provin ony, for with me quhome he hes intentit the actioun he haid never raid Rentell, nor Inhibitioun of ony teindis. And as for ony uther Dewitie, he hes nane to craif of me nor my tenentis, quhairfoir It appeiris to me the horning led aganis thame aucht to be found null and of nane effect, for as ye know sundry of thair eschat Is disponit be his lettres of horning, he having na actioun aganis them, nor nathing to craif on thame.

<sup>1</sup> Craufurd. See letter from the same, 12th May 1575.

<sup>2</sup> Saulseat.



becauss I am to ryde in carrik this weddinsday, quhair I mene to remane quhill xday<sup>1</sup> I may nocht guidlie be at yow at that tyme, bot I sall visit yow oft aneuch efterwart, quhen ye and I bayth may haif bettir oportunitie. Ferther my fader haid lettres, be chargis bayth of the auctoritie and secreit consall, chargeing the haill tenentis of the bishopric of galloway aboue crei to anser him as thair baillie in the service of bailliery, in oistis,<sup>2</sup> and raidis, and courtis, as thair baillie; quhairvpoun to my appirance It wer neidfull to haif lettres of the sessioun to compell tham to obey according to the tennour of my Infestment, but<sup>3</sup> ony vther exceptioun, or allegence; seing I haif the lettres yit to schaw quhan my fader gat thame compellit, xx yeiris or<sup>4</sup> his deceiss, to obey in seruice and Jurisdiction according to his office; vpoun the quhilk it is neidfull I haif new chargis according to my infestment, lyke as my fader haid vpoun vse and possession of his office vpoun less tyle. In this ye will writ me your aviss, and apperance, quhat way ye think meitest to be followit for the weill of that causs, ffor I vnderstand ye can gif me best aviss in that of ony man. Ceising to cummer yow with langar lettre at this present, Referring the rest thairto, I commit yow to god. off the Inche, this xi of aprile, 1576, be your assurit bruther,

Cassillis.

To my brother

The lard of barberroth.

Letter from LORD RUTHVEN to his Brother, Sir PATRICK WAUS,  
16th April 1576.

Broder, eftir maist hairtlie commendationis, I resauet your lettre the xiii day of this instant, calling me to remembrance of the signotour of escheit, quhilk was past to ane seruand of youris that day ye departit heirfra, and to caus expeid the same with diligence. Quhairin I knew na thing bot the same had bene exped lang or<sup>4</sup> now, becaus I directit my seruitor hew be thairto at my Last passing out of this toun; and now, sen the

<sup>2</sup> Tenth day.<sup>2</sup> Hosts.<sup>3</sup> Without.<sup>4</sup> Before.

resait of your lettre, is informit be him that he past the said signatour throw the Registrare at your seruandis desyir, and he Lute<sup>1</sup> the same ly sa lang thairat vnpast throw the seillis<sup>2</sup> quhill the man quha aucht the escheit come hither with a supplicatioun to my Lord Regent, and gat a signatour be sum moyan, and freindis of court, dispoit to him self, with a charge to the Registrare, and seillis to expedit it with diligence, quhilk is not subscribed be me nor nane of my clerkis; and sua in the default of your seruand, throw his negligence, that mater is altogidder mishandillit; quhairat I am verie offendit, and at hew tod, and your seruand, that hes bene sa slowthful; for I had rather gevin ten tymes the awaill of the mater or ye had bene disapoyntit; bot, quhen sic thingis occuris in tyme cuming, they sall not be lippenit to slewthfull personis, for I beleifit assuredlie your seruand had ressauid the same that same day it was subscribed. It is possible that the man hes committit vther crymis, as abyding fra raidis, quhairthrow his escheit may yit be dispoit, In caiss he haue not maid assignais to the former. Sua, ceissing to truble yow with langer lettre for the present, committis yow to the protectioun of the eternall. ffra ed<sup>r</sup>, the xvi of Aprile, 1576.—Your Lowying and assurit broder,

Ruthven.

I beleiff your seruandis gyft  
sall yit prewell aganis the  
wther be the law, becaus  
it wes first past my reg<sup>r</sup>  
quhairin ye will gett resolu-  
tioune.

To his weillbelovit broder  
The Laird off barnbarroche.

Letter from the EARL OF CASSILLIS to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 19th May 1576.

Brother, eftir my maist hartly commendatioun, this salbe to

<sup>1</sup> Let.

<sup>2</sup> Seals.

desyre yow hartlie that ye will tak sum attendence to the help of the persute of this causs, quhilk is Intentit aganis me be the Lard of kelwod<sup>1</sup> be diuersis summoundis, quhilk he hes inventit bayth at his awn instance, his freindis servandis and tenentis, to draw me, and my freindis servandis and tenentis, undir danger of spulzie, as this berar can mair amplie declair yow, with my anseris thereanent, to gidder with the summendis quhilk he hes intentit. fferther I haif instructit this berar to schaw yow my mynd, as I haif send in monet with him concerning my besenes of Salset, quhairin I dout not ye will do the friendlie help ye can, that I may eschew danger of inconvenienc anent the manis or teindis—I being anis<sup>2</sup> taksman of the said manis, as of the remanent of the benefice, and never being warnit therefra. At leist the occupiaris wes never haldin to leif the samen, nowther be condition nor warning, quhairin ye knaw the ground of the proceidingis in this causs better nor I can informe yow as anent the teindis, becauss he Is nocht abill, as I vnderstand, to preif the quantite on me; as also it Is of treut I never mellit with nathing that I knew to be ony thing bot my awn propir males and fermes of my awn heretage. Quhairfoir gif the same mycht be brot to that heid that I mycht be fred of biganis to he mak sum particular raid in respect I am heretor, quhais pretendit or allegit rentellis I aucht nocht to be subiect to; quhairin I dout nocht bot ye will do in that causs of myne that gudlie ye may. Reserving the rest to your nixt advertisment, I commit yow to god. off mayboill, this xix of May, 1576 be youris assurit bruther at powar,

- Cassillis.

To my brother

The lard of barnebarocht.

Letter from THOMAS KENNEDY of Bargany to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, probably July 1576.

My Lord, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun, It will pleis your (L) wit that Jhone craufurt of camlarge hes causit sum-

<sup>1</sup> See note to letter by Countess of Cassillis, *supra*, p. 116.

<sup>2</sup> Anis, ance, once.

mond barnard fergussonne of kilkerrane, and vderis tennantis of that Land, to his sone duncan craufurtis instans, as donator to the ward of the said Land, to compeir befor the sereff of air, or his deputy, in the tolbuthe of the same the viii day of this instant Julij, as your (L) will persaif be the summondis, quhilk fra this beirar your (L) sall rasaif. And becaus it is of waretie <sup>1</sup> that thair is daidlie faide <sup>2</sup> standand betuixe the houss off cassillis, the frendis and dependentis thairof, and the houss of kers, and the frendis thairof, of the quhilk houss Jhone of the camlarg and his barnis ar werrey neir of bluid; And seing, me Lord, that barnard forgussone and all his, hes bene and ar frendis and dependentis one the houss of cassillis, quhome aganis daidlie inametie <sup>3</sup> is borne, I will hartle pray your (l) to causs m<sup>e</sup> <sup>4</sup> ane bill with all diligens posseabill, and that it be giffin in befor your Lordschipis, to get that causs adwocatit fra befor the sereff to your selffis, becauss the said bernard may nocht rasort to that toun for deffens of his actione without the conwocacione of his freindis, be rasone of the said standand. desyryng your (l), as euer I may do your (l) plesor, and as ye ragard the weill of the freindis of that houss, to do heirin as I haiff willit yow, be the quhilk your (l) sall adet me to do yow sic freindschip and plesor, as I may quhen your (L) pleisis charge, and that your (L) respect the schortnes of the tyme. nocht douting bot your (L) will taik this paine for me for the causis foirsaid, I commit your (L) to god. wrytin frome bargany, this fuirsday at nycht, be youris gud ffrind at my poware.

Bargany.

[The outer sheet, with the address, is torn off.]

Letter by JAMES KENNEDY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
13th September 1576.

My lord, efter my hartly commendatioun of servyce, sen I

<sup>1</sup> Verity.

<sup>2</sup> Deadly feud, which, if it did not begin, was renewed, in February 1575-6.

<sup>3</sup> Enmity.

<sup>4</sup> Mac, make.

departit fra your (l) at glenluce I haif spokin my lord of mortoun, schewing that your (l) culd nocht be abill to keip the appointit day in Stirling for sindrie occasionis of let; but wald, geif his (l) plesit, speik with him at your (l) field ganging to the sessioun the xxiiij of october nixt, quha answerit he wald nocht credit that your (l) wald stay your cumming to him wpon any wther quhatsumevir occasioun ye had to do, seing he had maist to do with your (l) nor with any wther of the freindis he hes writtin to, as also partlie be your adwyse and cunsell he wes maist perswadit to the accepting of the tutorie of cassillis vpon him, and also wes willing to end with your (l) presentlie, quhairfoir willit me not to faill to adverteis yow heirof, and that your (l) suld not faill to keip the xv of this Instant, quhilk I pray your (l) to do, and schrink for na travell; wthirwyss I suspect thair salbe thingis doine be my lord of mortovn concerning that purpoiss, quhilk your (l) and the haill freindis sall mislyk, geif ye remane at hame; and geif ye ryd afeild, he will work be your adwysis, and be your (l) speciallie, for your (l) sall wit I resaut ane Indifferent hard answer to thomas<sup>1</sup> kennedy, and I find my lord scarslie content with him, and quhat trubill that will work your (l) may consider, but I suirlie wnderstand that your (l) feild ganging with als mony of the freindis as ye may haif with yow, will bayth agrie my lord and thomas, and be ane occasioun that my lord tak wp the deidlie feidis betwix the freindis and thair nychtbowris in carrik and galoway, and mak ws quyt of ennemies to haif ruling ower ws, in als mekill as my lord of mortovn may geif thame place; heirfoir agane I pray your (l) ernstly, as ye tendir the weill of the hous, the quyeting of the freindis and servandis thair of, with the honour, rest, and commoditie of your brother thomas, that ye will not stay your feild going with the rest of the freindis, but rethar be ane furtherar thair into, that thomas be content ye gang to the effectis aboune vrittin, quhilk wilbe but viii dayis being out of the cuntrie, and adverteis me with the berar quhair I sall meit your (l), as I salbe evir redy to do

<sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Kennedy of Colzean was tutor of Cassillis, and brother-in-law to Sir Patrick Waus.



your (l) servyce. leving the rest to your (l) wisdome, quhilk  
can foirse mair nor I can writ, I commit your (l) to god. of  
monusioun this xiii of september be youris (l) to be commandit  
with servyce at his power, James kennedy.<sup>1</sup>

your (l) nyctbuir and hoist maister hendrie kynross is deid  
the thrid of this moneth.

To the rycht honorabill and  
my speciall guid freind  
my lord of barnebaroch.

EARL OF CASSILLIS' Tack of the Baillierie of Penninghame  
and Glasnock Lands, near Whithorn, and Barness, to Mr  
PATRICK WAUS, his Brother-in-law, 2d October 1576.

Be it kendit till all men be thir presentis, uss gilbert erle of  
Cassillis, Loyrde Kennedy, and bailye heretalle of the bishoip  
landis above kree<sup>2</sup> vattyr, to haif sett, and be yir presentis settys,  
to my brodyr in lawe m<sup>r</sup> patrik wauss of barnbarrache, and  
his ayris, the office of bailyere of the baronie of pennegem,<sup>3</sup>  
glasneyk,<sup>4</sup> and uther landis besyid quhitarne, as deput on to uss  
and our successoris, and utheris, and that for the spaice of nyn-  
tein yeris, the entre thereof to be at Michaelmess in the yeir of  
god 1<sup>m</sup> 5<sup>c</sup> Lx saxteyn yeris (1576) and with power to the said  
M<sup>r</sup> patrik, and his ayris, to sett cuyrtis, creatt officeris and  
membyris of cuyrttis, sa ofte as he sall think expedient, and to  
stent and roll the tennandis and Inhabitantis of the saidis landis  
to be brocht to us, and our ayris and successoris at all reiddis,<sup>5</sup>  
oystenis, and gadderinis, as uiss of uther bailyeris, quhen occa-  
sione and tyme sall serve; And with power to intromit and  
vptaik vyth the eschaitt of cuyrtt, plante<sup>6</sup> of cuyrte, and all

<sup>1</sup> The name of the Laird of Blairquhan at this date was James, and he was probably the writer of this letter. The name of the place where it was written is indistinct, but at a later date there was a Kennedy of Minunchen, of the family of Kennedy of Knockdow.

<sup>2</sup> The river Cree.

<sup>3</sup> Penninghame.

<sup>4</sup> Glasnock.

<sup>5</sup> Raids, musterings.

<sup>6</sup> Plaint, or plea.

uther devateyss<sup>1</sup> pertenant uss be ressonne of bailyerie, and to inbryng the samyn as he sall think expedient. Provydand that he and his ayris mak cont of the hailf of the samyn to uss and our ayris According to his Intromission, as he salbe requirit therewith. And als that he haife the office of bailyerie of the ten merkland of barness, pertenant to uss of the abbay of glenluce, In manner aboue vrittyn, and for the spaice foyr vreittyn. Be this our hand wreit at barnbarrache the secund day of october, the yeir of God 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lx saxtein yeiris (1576) befor thir vitnes James Keneday of munhution,<sup>2</sup> James ross, and alex<sup>r</sup> carsson, notaris, vyth utheris.

Cassillis.

Endorsed

Me loyrde of cassillis  
tak of bailyerie of  
pennegem sett to my  
ffather.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 1st November 1576.

My Lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun, I haif rasauit your L letter and credit fra my brothir. Quhair your L dissyiris geif I will lat yow haif my landis of carlton and carrindon<sup>3</sup> wyth my sonis consent ye will geif me fyif hundryth merkis at the makin [the makin] of the securitie. My lord, as carindon, It is nocht myne, but I trow your L wald saye the knok of kirkmadeyn, becaus thai ly contigar to giddar. my lord, In gud fayth the lard of gelstoun, quha restis wyth god, bad me sex hundryth pundis for carriltoun. It allane, and the knok, is als mekil Land, and als gud; for thai ar ewin tua best steddys that pertenit to that benefice, bayth for stoir and corne.

<sup>1</sup> Duties.

<sup>2</sup> This is the nearest approach to the original, and is given for comparison with the place of the previous letter, to try to identify this James Kennedy.

<sup>3</sup> Cairndoun.

I mister nocht to set thame furth to yow ; ye knaw tham als weil as I do. and quhair your L writis that ye will tak your hasart, my son consenttand thairto, my lord, my son wes newir in that Land, and I haif nocht chosing him tutor to me ; thairfor I beleif his consent be nocht mekil requirit. as the byrdin of the hasart, trewlie albeit that gentilman quha hes rycht to that benefice be haldin abak for ane tyme, at lyntht he is aible to cum to his awin, and sonar nor euere man beleifis. trewlie geif your L be myndit to by thai Landis, your plak sall wyrth mair nor ane wthir mans babbe,<sup>1</sup> becaus I haif gottin of your siluer of befoir. forthir this berar, my cousing, wil schaw you quhom to It will plais yow geif creddit. And this I wryit to yow becaus ye dissyir my heste<sup>2</sup> anser ; and quhat wthir thing I can do to your L plesir rasonable salbe doun eftir powir, as knawis god, quha mocht haif your L in his blissit keping. of daildowe, this fyift off nowymber, 1576.

be your<sup>r</sup> L at his powir  
Johne of mynto knycht.

To my waraye gud lord  
the Lard of barnbarache.

[This seems to be the first letter relating to the second sale of land by Sir John Stewart to Sir Patrick Waus.]

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th November 1576.

I haif resauit your L lettir of this instant, quhair your L writis that ye had rather haif had carltoun nor one<sup>3</sup> sted<sup>4</sup> wythin the priory of quithorne, geif it had beyn in my hand. my lord, as to that geif your l will do for It as wthiris wil, your l sall haif It, bot wthiris hes biddin me mekill mair siluir nor your l hes offerit be your writing. geif your L plesis to haif It, as I haif writin to my cousing willam Steward, quhilk salbe wareye resonable, and les nor wthiris hes biddin,

<sup>1</sup> Bawbee.

<sup>2</sup> Hasty.

<sup>3</sup> Any.

<sup>4</sup> Stede, place.

mak your securite, and send me, and I sall end with your L. as to the knok, quhair your L writis that robert maxwel hes the sam, as to that, robert maxwell had na thing ado wyth It afoir my few; and sen syne I haif maid nayne, for I haif all the men onder warnyng, and my summondis is Lyand befoir the Loirdis. as to carrindoun,<sup>1</sup> I had newir ado wyth It. the nams of the Landis that I had wes the Landis that ye gat fra me, and the ten merk land of carltoun, the ten merkland of the knok, the ten merk Land of appilbe, the ten merk land of cru-giltoun cawens, the fyif pund land of balsmyth, and the tua merk land and half of stenolk balconeil, wyth the fyif merk land of the hill, thir ar the nams of the Landis that I haif. your (L) sall onderstand my lord robert<sup>2</sup> hes beyn ser<sup>3</sup> wyth me sen his furth cummyng of gallowaye. the laird of garleis and he is nocht aggreit; the Laird hes dissyirit foir thowsand merkis, and he sall deliuer him his tak in his awin hand, and he hes biddin him 1 thowsand merk; the laird hes promisit to wryit furth his mynd father to yow, and I haif consellit my Lord robert to speik wyth yow, and heir your mynd, quha hes promisit to wryit his mynd to yow; or ellis cum and speik wyth yow or<sup>4</sup> he speik wyth my lord Regent agayne. I haif na wais maid him participant quhat wes betuix your L and me, nor yit will quhil It tak end odir bakwartis or forwartis. quhair your (L) writis that ye wald satisfye my son, and for the warandice; my lord, as (to) that, and<sup>5</sup> ye aggre wyth my cousing, ye sall geif me the hors, or the price of the hors to my chois, and I sall geif yow a specell wara(ndice) of one<sup>6</sup> Landis that I haif that com newir In to, nor newir sall as Lang as I leif; and dissyiris your L anser sch(ortle). I will nocht truble your L wyth langer lettir. committis yow to the almychty. of daildowe this xii of nowymber 1576.—be your L,

Johne of mynto.

To my wareye gud  
Lord the Laird of  
barnbaracht.

<sup>1</sup> Cairndoun.

<sup>2</sup> The Commendator.

<sup>3</sup> Sair, severe.

<sup>4</sup> Before.

<sup>5</sup> If.

<sup>6</sup> Any.

Letter from CATHERINE HERRIES to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
14th November 1576.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendations unto your L., this is to advertise you that my husband<sup>1</sup> hes writtin to me, and shawes me that thomas Vaus persewes hym verei sharplie for dettis restand owying be the lard of garleis yonnger, my umquhile spouss,<sup>2</sup> quhilk is to me na small displeasur, that he suld be troblit for any action pertynyng me. I belevit your cosing wold have bene content with siclik payment as I offerit hym out of the hyllis, therfor, my lord, as ye have shawen me great favor of befor, euen so I man effectuouslye move your L. and pray yow, to speak to thomas Vaus, and se gif he wyll tak yerelye xxvi bollis of victuall out of the hyllis yerelye quhile he be payt; and as your L may consider what I give of my small leving every yere to my doughter, and uther handis, it is alsmekeyll as I may do to the utter most of my power. therfor I pray yow to do your diligens to se gif he wyll accept that payment, and farther that ye cause hym send me ane extract of the accompt quhat was my husbandis dett at his deceasse, and what he wyll burthen me and my soun sen syne, for I can not consider how the somme can be come to somekyll quhile I se his writing. And farther, my lord, I am informit that he denyes the iii<sup>xx</sup> lib ane lesse, quhilk he hes gotten sen my husbandis decess; your L knowes he gat it sensyne, and gif it be out of your mynd, I sall shaw yow the men that deliverit the stuff, of what yeres cropp, and the price, and ye may in na wise let this be knawen to my husband that I movit your L to this effect, for I dowl how he wold be pleasit that I shuld sua dispone that part of my leving that way. but convoy the matter be your L wisdom as ye may se best, for I trust your L wyll contynew your favor towardis me now as ye have done of beffore, and that ye wyll not se me over far wreickit. the cause I seik the copy of the accompt is that I may fynissh my exaccutory compt, and na uther

<sup>1</sup> John Wallace of Dundonald.

<sup>2</sup> He was killed at Stirling, 2d September 1571.



cause. thus, referring to your wisdom, committis your L to god, who preserve yow ; desyring your L answer in writt with the bearer. at dalsuinton, the xiiii of November, 1576.—be youris at power,

Katheryne Heres.

dout ye not but I sall gar the tenentis answer the stuff though my husband were against it.

To the ryght honorable my speciall  
gud frend the lard of  
barnbarroch geve this.

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 16th November 1576.

Efter maist hartly commendation, I did trawell, as your Lo knawis, vitht the Lard of garleis concerning my afferis; that ether he vald mentein the actione, or ellis that he vald put me in my awin rowm, as he and I culd apoint; and now lastly I reid to him al my Lord regentis grace desyr for that sam causs, and offerit him a thowsand merkis mony for his expensis and travell, quhilk he had takin in our actione. but he vald in ne vayes apoint vitht me, vnless that I maid him security of the sowm of four thowsand merkis, quhilk I culd not do, vnderstanding that apon iust conscienc he had not spendit semekill. alwayis he said to me that quhat ye vuld vish him for to do in that matter, he vald do the sam. therfor, in respect that your Lo fauoris the actione, I vald vish yow for to vret to the Laird vitht sum of your awin, that he vald send his vtter mynd vnto yow, whither he vald mentein the causs, or agre;<sup>1</sup> and gif he vill do nether, he man apardone me to do for my self, for of forc(e) I man keip sylenc(e), quhilk gif I do ye may iudge quhat estat sall our causs be in. as to my lady argyll, show vill do nething to the matter. I dout nocht but your Lo vill vrett your trew consall vnto the Laird in ther premssis, and as ye ressaue his ansur will mak me participant therof. I dout nocht but [ye knaw]<sup>2</sup> quhat danger the Laird standis in be his

<sup>1</sup> Agree.

<sup>2</sup> Paper torn away.

being at the kingis <sup>1</sup> and day. further I vill not vrett, but committis the haille [mater to]<sup>1</sup> your Lo, desyring your ansur vitht the berar, and sua committis (your Lo to god).<sup>1</sup> from sanct-andross, the xvi day of november.—Your l (assurit freind),

Robert commen(dator of)  
quhitthern.

To the ry<sup>t</sup> honorable  
the lard of barnbarrocht  
ane of the Lordis of our  
Souerains Lordis college of  
Justic.

Letter from JOHN SLOWNE to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter my hartle commendatioun of seruice, this present is to schaw your (ll) that the lard of garleis is oft tymes disyrand of me to ken quhat anser I haue gotting of your (ll), or quhat he sall lipping for<sup>2</sup> concerning the materis your (ll) and I spak tuiching the tak of quhithornne. Thairfor I vill desyr your (ll) meist earnestlie to aduer(teis) me vith this berrar quhat I sall schaw to the Lard is your (ll) mynd, and, gif your (ll) be content to end as your (ll) thocht gud quhen I spak your (ll), aduerteis me in the likmaner, for as your (ll) aduerteis me the lard vil do. And gif your (ll) vald speik onything farder in theis mater, the lard vill send me to your (ll) to speik farder in tham, as your (ll) aduerteis me. Thir thingis your (ll) vill consider, and aduerteis me vith this berar. As for affaris of mynawin, I remitt tham quhill your (ll) meitting and myn, quhilk vilbe as your (ll) aduerteiss. And sa for the present I commit yow to god. from Drumlarrg, this setterday,—be yowr Seruand on the auld maner to the vtermess,

Jhone Slowne.

To the rycht honorabill  
and my auld maister my lord  
of barnbarroch.

<sup>1</sup> Paper torn away.

<sup>2</sup> Lippen for, *i.e.*, expect.

Letter of Introduction by JOHN WALLACE of Cragy,  
29th November 1576.

My lord, efter my verray hartlie commendationis, This sallbe to desyre your (Lo) effectuislie that your (Lo) will supplie the berare heiroyf, my brother william Wallace,<sup>1</sup> In persuit of his benefice as him selfe will declair vn to your lo, quhome pleis credeitt. Sua, haifand no farther occasion, committis your lo to God. ffrom Cragy, this xxix of November, 1576.—Your Lo at poar,  
To the rycht honorable lord off  
Barnbarro<sup>t</sup>.

Johne Wallace  
of Cragy.

Letter from CRANSTOUN of that Ilk to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 3d December 1576.

Ser, efter my mest hartlie commendationes, It pleissis yow to wit I am informed be this berar that he Is gritlie trubblit in possessing of the peice rowm that is gevin to him of the abbacie of solsyd,<sup>2</sup> quhilk his fader had of befor, be sum of my Lord of cassillis serwandis. quhairfor I haue writting To my Lord to that effect, that his l suld suffer him to brouk peacible at my requeist, and thairfor thocht It guid likviss To requeist yow to stand in his fauoris, likmaner requiring my lord to do that ilk for ony plesor ye will pleiss charge me in thir partis. Quhairfor I will pray your l, as ye will pleiss charge me in thir partis, To labour for him at my Lordis hand, and to schaw your fauour to him for my saik, and I salbe als reddie to do yow plesor in thir partis. quhilk thing I dout nocht bot ye will do the rathir at this my requeiss. At Jedbrucht, the iij of December, 1576.—Be your L cousigne at power,

Cranstoun of that Ilk.

To his traist cousigne  
The lard of barnbarroch.

<sup>1</sup> This was probably the same who was minister of Failford, who was with the King in Norway at the time of his marriage, and from whom there is a letter from Elsinore, dated 12th February 1589-90.

<sup>2</sup> Saulseat.

[On the 14th of this month, Gilbert, fourth Earl of Cassillis, died, leaving his son a minor ; and John Lord Glamis, his brother-in-law, became tutor of Cassillis.]

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 7th December 1576.

My Lord, I haif rasautit your Lettir, schawin quhow ye had appountit wyth my cousing for the landis of carltoun for the payment of thre hundryth merkis, that is to saye a hundryth merkis in hand, and tua hundryth merkis to be pait to me betuix and ywill;<sup>1</sup> quhilk thing I merwill of, that he suld be content wyth a hundryth merkis in hand, for I schaw him quhat siluir I had to geif fra me betuix and sant Thomas daye;<sup>2</sup> praying your L to send me the hail siluir to giddir now for sic causis as I haif schawin to the berar, or, geif ye ma not get the hail, send me the half of It, and the rest betuix and sant thomas daye; for I man haif It aganis that daye wythowt fail, or ellis It will tinsall me mair nor the awaill of the haill. Ye sall rasaif the contrak subscriuit. as to the chartur, ye man put In the yeirlie payment yourself, the rentell quhilk is contenit in my chartur is this, for teynd ferme and maill xii<sup>lib</sup> xi<sup>s</sup> of maill xvi bollis of beir xiv bollis of ait meill. I dout not bot ye will do your dewte to me, as I sall do efter my power to yow; this berar takis mekill on hand in your nayme; trewlie I fynd him effekit mair to your bessynes in a maner nor In my awin, and that I haif tald him playnlie. me lord flemyng hes beyn at me agayne, and wald end wyth me, quhilk thing I will not do quhill I haif your ansur, for I haif gewin this berar commissioun to end wyth yow for the hail, geif he can fynd yow resonable, and geif ye want tham wyit<sup>3</sup> yourself. ye knaw quhat landis thair is behind, for I send yow the namis of the landis that I had thair, and ye knaw ye want maister Johne and na mai. at the leist It salbe in your wil, and ye sal haif the first offir of It. forthir I haif schawin the berar, quhom to ye will geif credit, think not that I wryit fynyeitle<sup>7</sup> to yow, bot In gud fayth playnlie,

<sup>1</sup> Yule.<sup>2</sup> 21st December.<sup>3</sup> Blame.<sup>4</sup> Feignedly.

and wyth a trew hart ; thairfor dryf<sup>1</sup> na Langer tyme, for It wil not dryf Langer. And sua I bid your L hartlie fairwell. from daildowe, this vii of desember, 1576.—Be youris L at power,  
 Johne of mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

To my wareye gud  
 Lord the Lard of barn-  
 barath.

Letter from the EARL OF ERROL<sup>2</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
 BARNBARROCH, 25th January 1576-7.

My lord, efter hartlye and luffing commendation, your (l) pleis wit that in respect of ald freindschip we thocht neidfull to aduertis your (l) of sic affaris we haif ado in session, quhairin we man put your (l) to charge to giff attendance, that we gait no hurt in our saids causis, bot that we mai haiff Justice with fauoris ; and this we man request your (l), as we salbe radye to acquyt your (l) with sic benevolence and plesor we mai do to your (l) honor and commodete : not omittand my hartye thankis to your (l) of the fauor schawin till ws in our last action haid in session, quhairof we think ws mekle adettit to your (l), quhilk we sall not fail to recompens as tyme sall requyr. Remitting the rest to your (l) wisdom, and to the berar, committis your (l) in the protection of god. at logyealmond, the xxv daye of Jar, 1576.—Be your ffreind,  
 Erroll.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup>  
 the lard of barnbarrach.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
 BARNBARROCH, 5th March 1576-7.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun, I haif rasauit your Lettir fra this berar, and hes hard his credit. quhair your L writis that ye ar dissapointit of the siluir that ye suld haif

<sup>1</sup> Dryf, to put off or delay.

<sup>2</sup> Andrew, seventh Earl of Errol, born between 1542 and 1546, succeeded his father 1574 ; died 1585.



gewin to me, trewle I am sore<sup>1</sup> that your L is dissapointit, and so Litill wantaige suksedit to me; alwais efterwartis your L will do bettir. Your L sall deliuer twa hundryth merkis to this berar, and rasaif his acquittans, and keip this my writing apoun the resait of the sam, and according to your writing to mak me payment of the rest wythin twenty dyis In edinbrucht, as your L writis, and yit I sall beir wyth yow for sa lang tyme; trwlie I lukit nocht that the tyme suld haif beyn drewin sa lang, considering quhow oft ye haif writing to me wthirwais, and hes causit me hald ane servand waittans apoun yow sa lang; alwais I sall keip your writing, and will luik for the pyment of the rest wythin xx dais as ye writ, and I sall fulfill all thingis quhilk ye dessyir at the payment of the sam. I will nocht truble yow forther. committis yow to god. from daildowe, this fyif of merche, 1576.—be your L at power,       Johne of mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

To my warray gud lord  
the lard of barnbart.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 14th March 1576-7.

My lord, I haif rasauit your L lettir, and hes hard his creddit. I persaif his creddit and your lettir ar far discrepant, ye dissyir me to excus your L that ye send me bot a hundryth merkis; trewlie thai wes mair promest me be your L to haif beyn deliuerit Lang or now, as your awin writingis at diuers tymis wil testefye. And now to rasaif ane hundryth merkis In gold the ros noble sax punds, the clippit dowble ducat fyif pund, the angell noble fyif merkis, and the crown of the son for forte schillingis, quhilk is all abun the worth mekil, and sa mekill as I can not rasaif the sam; and wyth sic conditionis as geif balsmyth be ane fyif pund land, and geif stennok corber be contentit in my chartur, ye wil send me the rest of fyif hundryth merkis. my lord, this salbe to lat yow onderstand I can nocht be handillit in that maner, for (I) persaif ye beleif I can haif na wthir waye bot onle be yow, and becaus I haif followit yow onle

<sup>1</sup> Sorry.

opon gud wil, and hes gewin yow down fra nyne hundryth merkis to sax hundryth, notwythstanding the sam wes writing to me be your awin hand, quhilk I haif (to) schaw, and now, quhen I haif forsakin all wthiris that offerit me siluir, throw the gud will I beir to yow, I haif rasauit ane scarf<sup>1</sup> for my raward. I wrait afoir, and dissyirit that balsmyth and stennok mycht bayth haif beyn delyit furth of the contrak, and than ye wald haif had les ado. I praye your L scorne me nocht, for I am your frynd, and thinkis newir to be wthirwais wythowt It be of your awin sekin. Geif your L plesis to end furth, as is commonit and contrakit, and payment maid conforme to the sam wythin xx dayis, wthirwais rasaif your awin siluer, and lat all thingis expyir, for trewle I sall newir trawell forther wyth yow In that mater; and geif ye will end sa advertis me, and mak me na langer drift quhair I sall send and rasaif my siluer, and I sall send all thingis conforme to your writing odir be maister robert harbartson, or maister hary gibbon, as ye dissyir. geif ye will end sua, caus mak your procuratory to resing,<sup>2</sup> and send It to me, and I sall send It agen wyth the nixt; for In gud fayth I haif nathing bot playn deling wyth me, and dissyiris to be wsit in the sam manir; for In gud fayth I haif handillit yow mair be fawir nor for profeit to my self, as It wilbe knawin to yow eftirwartis, albeit ye will not knaw It now. as to stennok, It is contenit in my chartur, and balsmyth bayth; and geif balsmyth be one<sup>3</sup> les nor fyif pund, ye ma diffais als mekill of the last payment, quhilk I am content of. and geif stennok be nocht contenit in my chartur, I am content be this my writing to discharge the haill obligatioun betuix yow and me, and content to mak quhat securite ye pleis apon the sam, and keip this writing to the sam effek. geif ye pleis to end In this manir, send me word quhair I sall rasaif the siluer, and geif ye will nocht send ane seruand of your awin to rasaif the gold agayne, for willam Steward is lyand wareye seck. suppois ye caus mak sum trawell It hurtis nocht, for trewle I haif gottin bot thre hundryth merkis, and It hes cost me a hundryth merkis the gettin of It by the trawel of my seruandis. als ye promest me fair oxin, or tua

<sup>1</sup> Scart, scrape.<sup>2</sup> Resign.<sup>3</sup> Any.

gud hors; and quhat ye send me ye knaw your self; this causis me feir mekill to haif ado wyth yow, sen nodir your promes be word nor your hand wryt wil bynd yow, I wil tare<sup>1</sup> the sam na langer nor paice ewin,<sup>2</sup> and I sall send ane seruand to rasaif the sam quhair ye wil appoint, and mak the procuratory and your discharge thair, and send me, and I sall send the sam agayne wyth the seruand that rasauit the mone.<sup>3</sup> I will not truble wyth langer lettir. geif ye wryt one<sup>4</sup> thing to me agan, clois the sam, and lat na thing be seyne to berer; and the Lord be your keper. of daildowe, this xiiij of marche, 1576.—be your  
L at power, Johnne of Mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

To my wareye gud lord  
the lard of barnbarach.

Letter from LORD RUTHVEN to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
17th March 1576.

Brodir, eftir my hairtlie commendationis, This present is to schaw yow that thair is ane caice persewit in the sessioun be alexander makbrek againe my seruitor James drummond for production of ane allegit tak, maid be the said alex<sup>r</sup> to the said James, of my office of seref clerkship of perth, pertening to me in heretage. Be the quhilk persute the said alex<sup>r</sup> wald mene that the said James brukis the office be vertu of his tak, Albeit in vertye the said James brukis the samyne be vertu of ane tak maid be my vmquhill fader to him; And sua the caice is weray hurtfull to me, and heretable rycht, gif I be nocht admittit for my intres thairinto. Thairfor I will desyr yow maist effectwuslie that I may be hard to obiet and defend in the said caus, quhairinto I haue sufficient rycht and gude titill; And that ye will gif attendence that I get na wrang, As I salbe redde to acyute yow with plesor quhen your occasioun sall serue. Sua ceissing as now to truble yow ony farder, quhome I hairtlie commit to the protection of the almy<sup>tie</sup>. At

<sup>1</sup> Tarry.<sup>2</sup> Easter even.<sup>3</sup> Money.<sup>4</sup> Any.

perth, the vii of merche, 1576.—Youris Lowying and assurit  
freind, Ruthven.

To his brother the laird  
of Barnbarrow cinatoure  
of oure souerane Lordis  
college of Justice.

Letter by Mr JOHN SHARPE<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
2d April 1577.

My lord, efter maist hartlie recommendatoun, Be your l letter  
ressavit frome the berar the first of Apryle I consider ye ar  
desyrwis to knaw the estait of the mater of quhiterne,<sup>2</sup> quhairin  
(as your l writtis be your awn grettine<sup>3</sup>) thair wes Intirloquitor  
pronuncit vpone friday last bipast; quhilk Intirloquitor is gevin  
In this maner, That In the causs persewit at my lord robertis<sup>4</sup>  
Instance, quhairin thair ar six seuerall ressonis, thair Is thre,  
To wit the secund the thrid and the ferd, quhilk rest vndiscussit,  
becaus thay pertene onlie to the Jursdictioun of the commisseris  
of Edy<sup>r</sup>. for the first thair Is absolutor givin, as the samyn Is  
bilewit; The fyft concernyng the Improbation of the resignation,  
and the last anent the filling of the blank In the provision, ar  
admittit. In the vther mater, persewit be wa (william) flemyng  
aganis my lord robert, our defences ar Repellit In this place,  
reservand the samyn aganis the titillis of the said william, quhen  
thai sallbe productit for probatioun of the summondis. And for  
preving of the poyntis, quhilkis ar admittit In bayth the said  
materis, the Tent day of may nixttocum is assignit. This being  
the tuellthe of our proceeding, It restis that I declair to your l  
my Judgement thairanent, gevand your l alwyss to vndirstand  
that sen your departing I spak na thing with my lord regentis  
grace In that mater, for be sum argumentis that hayff fallin out  
sensyne I am perswadit that thair Is sum feche<sup>5</sup> In this mater,  
according as your l declared vnto me at our last conference.

<sup>1</sup> Mr John Sharpe was admitted advocate 9th January 1561-2, and at this date seems to have been a leading counsel.

<sup>2</sup> Whithorn.

<sup>3</sup> This word may be "quottine"—meaning is obscure.

<sup>4</sup> Lord R. Stewart, commendator of Whithorn.

<sup>5</sup> ? Fash, trouble.



And seing the samyn the day, befor the Interloquitor, I tuke purposs to giff occasioun of delay be certane ekis,<sup>1</sup> The mater being oppinit vnto him, he wald nocht aggre thairvnto, swa that I behovit ather to disapoynt my awin purpoiss, or to cum In suspitioun with him of vnrychtewuss dealing; Swa we behovit to proceid rather according to my lordis directione, quhilk I was veray laith to follow, nor according to my awn Judgment. Now seing the mater is sa cumit in hand, It is necessar that we foirsie our erand in all pontis, and specialle in thir tua heidis, first that all ressonabill delayis quhilkis may be had be cravit, secundle that we vse not all our probatione at anis,<sup>2</sup> and thirdlie that we cast our probatione be sek grundis as we sall not be frustrat in ewere ane of thir thre heidis. thar is mony particularis quhilkis at the present I man leiff to wryit, till I ressaue agane your informatione how far ye ar habill to do tuiching the fillar of the blank, and the tyme of the filling thairroff, and quhat certeintie ye haiff of the samen, for giff the commissar of Wigtone be the fillar, and the tyme of the filling may be provin be hym selff and vtheris, I can nocht think oure mater in ony danger; and yit it salbe verray necessar in respect of this tyme that we do our turne providentlie, and at lasor. Thairfoir I Louk for your anser hervpon with diligence, at the Leist that your (l) will bring it with your selff the xv day of this instant; quhilk day I wuld wische your (l) to keip, for then we think to adwyiss vpone our haill ordour of diligencis. in this mene tyme I am in hoip to prowuid the meanis how we sall discover the secreit of patrik porterfeildis instrument, as your (l) sall knaw at meting. betuix this xv of Aprill and the x of may we will haiff ane Ressonabill tyme to do our diligence, giff your (l) keip tryist. My lord of cassillis<sup>3</sup> is servit to the landis of Lessualt and monybrig, Dinnvre, Turnbirrie, trabeoch, and girvaneheid, The landis of glenlus, saulsait, and croceragnell. My lord chancellar<sup>4</sup> is veray desirous that ye schaw sum diligens anent the taking of the sesingis, and making of the wearningis, as was commonit. Sa Resting to the nixt occasione, I commit

<sup>1</sup> Additions.<sup>2</sup> Once.<sup>3</sup> John, fifth Earl, who succeeded in 1576.

Lord Glamis, who was tutor of Cassillis.



yow to the protection of god. ffrome Edinburcht, the second of Aprill.—Your (l) to be commandit at his power, Jo Schairpe.

[The outer sheet with the address is torn off.]

Endorsed in Sir John Vaus hand

Maister Johne sharpe his messeiff anentis  
the play off quhythorne.

[The date of this letter must be 1577. Gilbert, fourth Earl of Cassillis, died in December 1576. The Earl (John, fifth Earl) has been served (heir) to the lands of the family. The Lord Chancellor (Glamis) was Lady Cassillis' brother, and was tutor to the minor, and Mr Sharpe in this letter speaks of the Regent, and that Morton ceased to be in March 1577-8.]

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 6th April 1577.

My lord, I haif rasauit your (l) lettir, deittit at edinbrucht the x daye of marche, dessyiring me to send and rasaif my siluir the aucht daye eftir paice, and to send yow ane procuratory, subscriuit wyth master hew gibsoun, or maister robert harbartson, and wyth na wther notaris, quhilk I lat pas. And quhair ye ar dessyirus to haif your awin siluir agayne, wyth the profetis bygayn at the deliuering of the sam, My lord, I am content to satisfye your (L) pleseir, and sall god willing at your pleser deliuer the sam siluir wyth the profeittis bygayn, In so far as I am addettit wyth the profeittis bygayn als far as your (L) sais ye ar behind, and sa nocht eftirwartis; bot I am willing to schaw yow fawir and fryndschip, and wthirwais at your pleser. As to your gold rasauit be the berar, he can report thai thingis I mister<sup>1</sup> not to wryit, and now your (L) sall nocht say bot ye sall haif your resonable dessyir fulfillit, as I haif nocht gottin myne fulfillit at your hand, for I haif for fryndschippis caus gewin yow that land for half nocht, And now In ane maner I man thig<sup>2</sup> the payment of It at yow, and this I am content to do, suppois my lord robert haif litil appris<sup>3</sup> to get the abbasye of quhitharn;

<sup>1</sup> Need.

<sup>2</sup> Beg.

<sup>3</sup> Meaning obscure.

for wthiris wald be content to tak thair hasart at my hand and geif me mair profiteit, and nocht dessyir me sa far oblist to thaim, as I am bound to yow, and to laye me doun the hail siluir In my hand. your L man apardoun me to wryit hardlie to yow, becaus I am hardlie handillit be yow. forthir this berar will schaw quhom to ye will pleis geif credit, and dessyiris your anser als schortle as ma be. I dout nocht bot ye will send me my oxen according to your promes and hand wryit, quhilk wes ten dayis afoir beltan promysit to me, as your hand wryit will testyfy. I will nocht truble your (L) wyth langer lettir, bot committis yow to god. from daildoweth, this sext of appryill. be your L at all power, John of mynto kny<sup>t</sup>.

To my warraye gud lord  
the Lard of barnbarocht.

Letter from LORD MAXWELL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
12th April 1577.

My lord, eftir my veray hartlie commendatiounis, I have resauit your Lettir desyring me to continew the persuitt of sic as apperttinis to the erle of cassillis to sum daye of may nixt, that wer chargit to compeir in this toun for byding fra the last daye of marche. Althocht I may dewlie proceid aganis thame for thair contempt, yit at your l desyre, and for your requeist, I will continew thame, quhais names your l hes writtin specialie to me, to the xxi daye of may nixt; and as for ony vtheris that ar contenit in the rollis, I know thame nocht by vthir mennis; and sa nocht onlie this, bot in ony vthir thing I may pleser your l, I salbe reddie, as knawis god, quha have yow in his keiping. Off Drumfreis, the xii day of Apryle, 1577.—Your l assurit freind,

Jhon L. Maxwell.

To the rycht honorable and  
my traist freind the laird  
of barnbarrache.

[Lord Maxwell was Warden of the West Marches at this time. He had resigned on the 25th of May 1577.—*Reg. P. C.*]

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 26th April 1577.

My lord, eftir my wareye hartlie commendatioun, It will pleis  
yow I wrait to your L the fyift of appryill, and maid ansur  
quhair ye wor dissyirus In your formir writing to me of the dait  
at edinbur<sup>t</sup> the xxvi of merche, dissyiring me to deliuer yow your  
siluer agayne wyth the by run profittis quhilkis I had rasaut,  
and ye wuld be content to renunce all rycht or titell that ye had  
of ony landis that ye had rasaut be me, and I maid yow ansur  
In my last lettir the v of appryill, and wes and is content to  
satisfye your resonable dessyir, and my lest lettir dissyrit your  
heste <sup>1</sup> ansur, quhilk as yit I haif nocht rasaut ; quhairfor yit,  
as of befor, dessyiris your wtir ansur, that I ma prowyid thair-  
eftir ; for the tyme drawis on, and the sowm is grit, and I wald  
be glaid to be resolut quhat I had to do. I will nocht truble  
your L wyth langer lettir ; sua committis your L In the protek-  
tioun of god. ffrom daldowe, the xxvi of appryill 1577.—Be  
your L at all power, Johnne of mynto kny<sup>t</sup>.

To my wareye gud Lord  
the lard of barnbarrocht.

Deliuer this in edinbrucht.

Receipt by WILLIAM STEWART, Burgess of Glasgow, and Servant  
to Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto, 29th April 1577.

I Williame Stewarte, burges of glasgow, and servand to the  
layrd of mynto, grantis me to haife ressaut, in name and behalfe  
of the said Ser Johnne Stewarte of mynto knycht, fra ane ho<sup>ll</sup>  
man m<sup>r</sup> paterk waus of barnbarrache, ane of the senatouris of  
the college of Justice, the somme of ane hundyrrethe pvndis  
mony, In parte of payment of the soume of fovyrr hundyrethe  
merkis restand avyn be the said m<sup>r</sup> paterk to the said mynto  
knycht, conforme to ane contract and appointment maid amangis  
thame. Sua yit restis the soume of twa hundyrrethe and fyftie

<sup>1</sup> Hasty.

merkis, of the quhilk soume of ane hundyrethe pvndis mony, as said is, I hald me, in name and behalfe of the said Ser Johne, I grante me veill content and paytt; and thayrfor quhitclamis and dischargis the said m<sup>r</sup> paterk, his ayris and exo<sup>ris</sup>, for now and euer. In witness heirop I haif causit the notar vndyr vreittin to Subserve at my command. At Edy<sup>t</sup> the penult day of Aprijll, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> Lx sewynteyne yeiris, befoyr thir witnessis, Alex<sup>r</sup> waus, seruitour to the said M<sup>r</sup> patrik, gawin hammiltoun, sone to the laird of prestoun, and adame lawte, sone to dauid Lawte wrytare, with vtheris diuersis.

William stewart burges of glasgw, with my hand at the pen led be the notare vnderwrittin.

Ita est Dauid lawte notarius in premissis Testantibus meis signo et chyrographo.

Endorsed—william stewartis acquittance for mynto.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 8th May 1577.

[The first part of this letter is missing.]

I haif rasauit ane hundryth pund and anent . . . ten les in gold; sua of our lest paktioun I haif rasauit thre hundryth merkis and forte. I wald be glaid to be onestlie wsit, and ye sal haif na tinsall at my hand In far as I haif promisit, bot sal wss my self onestlie and trewlie towartis yow, quhow beit I haif tynt at your hand mekil that I mycht haif had at wthiris. send me the rest of my siluer wyth the berar, and mak me na langer delaye, wthirwais I man think I am nocht weill handillit. I sall spend the haille that ye send me or <sup>1</sup> the mater gang one <sup>2</sup> wais wrang, geif that will mak It. I persaif ye ar forgetfull of the oxin that ye promisit me at beltan, geif I get tham nocht according to your promes. In gud fayth I sall send the hors that ye send me hayme agayin to barnbarocht, for ye haif mair gers <sup>3</sup> to geif tham nor I haif. forther this berar will schaw yow; speid him agayne als suin as ye ma, and your oppennioun quhat ye think

<sup>1</sup> Before.

<sup>2</sup> Any.

<sup>3</sup> Grass.

best, and we sall work thaireftir. I assuir yow this mater man be haldin to, and ernistlie set forwart, for It will not wark the alleyn, and may be at an end or<sup>1</sup> ewir knowlege cum to your pleisiris, or ellis It will be wrang eftir my Jugement. quhair ye wryit that I haif nocht fulfillit my part to yow, and in special to send yow the copy of my chartur and confirmatioun, In gud fayth I haif It nocht, bot the sam is deliuerit in the handis of the lard of castelmylk In keping, as ye ma persais be the dowble of his obligatioun. quhilk the berar schaw yow, and wilbe gottin now In contynent eftir the insering<sup>2</sup> of the decreet betuix my son and me, as the birar will schaw yow. I will nocht truble your L forther, bot committis yow to god. from dayildowe, the viii of may, 1577.

be your L at powar Johne  
of mynto kny<sup>t</sup>.

To my wareye gud  
Lord the lard of  
barnbarrocht.

[On the back of this letter is written in Sir Patrick Waus's hand "Thir ar all messissis consarning Quhithorne."]

[There are seven letters by Lord Robert Stewart, the commendator of Whithorn, about the "plea of Whithorn." This, we learn from Sir John Stewart of Minto's discharge, dated 15th November 1578, was between Lord Robert and William Fleming. How Lady Argyle and the Laird of Garlies are connected with it does not clearly appear.]

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
to SIR PATRICK WAUS, 13th May 1577.

My Lord, Efter maist hartly commendation, In respect that the action of quhitthorn, quhilk partly belangis to yow, is as it vere buriit, guid it vere that the matter vere vakenit agane; for I vnderstand that the party vill be verray laithe that it suld be

<sup>1</sup> Before.

<sup>2</sup> Inserting.



vakenit, and to this purpois I haif vretin to my Lady argyll, becauss, as your (l) knawis, she suld do for the same, gif she intend to haif ony profit therby, to let me haif support at my comming to edinbrugcht, and I vill cum and vakin the matter my selfe, and travell vitht my Lordis (g) to haif expedition of iustie, quhilk I think his (g) will nocht refuiss; and for the outsetting of the same, your (l) vill taik the panes to travell vitht my Lady argyll, to se quhat support she vill maik at my comming, their for your vord vill help the matter to the fortherance of me and the action. I vrett to hir lykvyss to speik my Lord regent (g), and to feill his guid vill and mynd, and gif ye think it neidfull to speik my Lordis (g) your self anent the same, it vere vell done. alvayes I dout nocht but ye vill do quhat lyis in yow for fortherance of the same; and quhan it sall pleis god that I cum to my awin rycht, ye sall be rememberit as a sure freind. in the meane tyme committis your (L) in to the protection of the eternall. from sanctandross the xiiij day of may.—Your L guid freind to power,

Robert commendator of  
quhitthearn.

[The address is cut off.]

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d June 1577.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun, I rasauit your L letter daittit at edinburcht the xviii day of maij, wyth ane hundredryth pundis, and dissyirit me to send this berar agayne at mid-symmir and ye suld mak me payment of the rest. my Lord, notwythstanding that your promes and writing send bair the xv daye of Januar, and our contrak biris the xv dy of februar, yit I haif borne wyth the sam quhil now, and dowbtis nocht bot ye consididir the same. quhair ye wryit that ye haif nocht rasauit sic securite at my handis as is neidfull, trwle thair is na securite that I haif promisit bot I sall fulfill the sam at my wtir power, and mair quhat ye will dewyis that Lyis in my power. thair can na man In Scotland reproche me of my faythfull promes maid, I thank god. further ye ramembir ye wrait

me wareye ernistlie to speik wyth my dochir, and se geif scho wald one wais dispoyn the ten mark land of appilbe, and that I wald trawell the sam, and ye suld stand In my common<sup>1</sup> for the doing of It. now, my lord, at your dessyir I haif spokin the mater to hir, and to the gentilman quha has contrakit to mare<sup>2</sup> hir, and now, geif ye will handill the mater wyslie, I trest to aggre yow, and gef ye be nocht myndit, speid me ane ansur, for scho is dissyirus to haif hir awidens furth of my handis, quhilk I haif retenit onlie for your caus, and quhil I haif your ansur. I dout nocht bot ye will send me ane writing to caus me be ansurit of my oxin, quhilkis I suld haf at beltain, and quhat thing ye will dissyir me that I can do for furtherans of the caus adwertis me wyth the berar. I will nocht truble yow, bot refaris the rest to the berar; And the lord be your keper. of daildow, the xxij of Junij, 1577.

To my waraye gud Lord  
The lard of barnbarroche.

[This letter is not signed, but is in the handwriting of Sir John Stewart of Minto.]

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR<sup>3</sup> of Kinhilt, younger, to Sir LEWIS BELLENDEN, 28th June.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendation, I haif resawit your vryting the xxv day of Junij; and quhair your (l) desyris me to send furthe silveir to lowss the silveir wesschell that I haif of your (lo), trewlie, me lord, I haif offendit In that To your (l), bot befoir god it lyiss nocht in my pouer to mend it, for I haif done delygence In this cuntrie quhat I can, and I can nocht get vorth the ten lib; and I haif wettell enewche to sell, and I can get ne pryss for the same, ellis I wald sell it for xl ss. the boll, as this berar can declair your (l); and gif it mycht be that your (l) mycht haif lowsit tham your self, and your (l) payand the byrun dewtie vith the principall sum, all beand cuntit togithir to me,

<sup>1</sup> Be obliged to me.

<sup>2</sup> Marry.

<sup>3</sup> There is another transaction by the same in pledging silver plate, under date 17th December 1582.

I sall satiefie your (l) to your awin contentment In securite at your (l) hamecuming; gif it be possebill that I may be at your (l) vithin xv dayis, I salbe acording to your wryting. forther your (l) man speik to me lord justis klark with this berar, and se geif I can haif that soun that sould be had fra him, and he sall haif securite be your (l) and me that this contrak sall be suit in all puntis. I dout nocht bot his (l) vill keip his promeis to me baithe in vord and vryt, as my speziall lypining is In him, as I sall be villing to keip promeis to his (l) In all respetis, and gif your (l) fyndis him myndfull to furneis the silber, your (l) vill aduerteis me of the same, and I will ge furthe my self and end vith him In all thingis. as to your (l) horss, I sall haif him als gud lyk is I kan haif him vith gerss and corne qwhen your (l) lykis to kall for him. refering the rest to the berar, your (l) vill haif me hartlie commendit to your bedfellow, and swa committis your (l) to god. of the bar, the xxviii of Junij, Be your (l) eyme to be commandit In the auld maner.—

Ninane adair

To the rycht honorable and	of kenhelt younger.
his speciall eyme Ser loweis	
ballanteine of achnoul knycht.	

Letter from JOHN STEWART of the Bowhouss to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 13th July 1577.

My lorde, eftir commendatioun, fforsamekill as the larde of mynto hes desyrit ws to recognosce the Larde of castelmilkis<sup>1</sup> handiewrit, quhair he hes subscrivit the resait and Inventor of certane eidentis pertening to him and his sone, Quhilk to be his handy writ we testifie, as we haif sene syndry wtheris of his subscriptionis. this far committis your L to the protectioun of the almychtie. Of glasgov, the thritene daye of July, 1577. Be youris L to command, Jhon Steward of the bowhowss  
To oure gud Lorde Maister henry gibson.  
The larde of barnbarrocht.

<sup>1</sup> Archibald Stewart of Castlemilk, who died in 1612, and whose father died in 1557, married Janet Stewart, daughter of Sir John Stewart of Minto. She died 1613.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 15th July 1577.

My lord, efter mast hartlie commendatioun, I haif rasauit your L lettir the xii of this instant daittit at barnbarrathe the viii of the sam, makand mentioun that ye had rasauit my lettir for the rest of the siluer, and that ye culd nocht deliuer mair becaus I had nocht kepit my promes, nor had deliuerit yow na securite of myne. my lord, as to that ye knaw your awin appointment and promes wes to hasart sa mekill siluer apoun my rycht, and wrait the sam to me at the appointment making; nocht the les I wes content to mak yow forther securite, partlingis for dispyit of my son, becaus he misswsit himself towartis me, and partlynis for luf and fawor In gud fayth borne towartis yow, mowit be my Eyme the justice clerk, and be quhais procurment my lord of morye, my master, commandit me to enter wyth yow, and sen syne I haif still contynewit in your fawir eftir my power, for I assuyr yow I myecht haif had mekill mair siluer laid In my hand for my rycht, and na warrandyce maid, nor I haif appointit wyth yow, for alwais I will nocht fle fra nathing that I haif promisit, and ye sall persais be the selling of appilbe geif I haif beyn faworable to yow or nocht In the selling of the rest. as to your securite had of me; I schaw yow at the beginnyng of our commonyng that thai awidens wes obstrakit and takan awaye fra me be my son, and wthiris my fryndis that astit<sup>1</sup> him, In the begining of my grit informite, thinkand I wor nocht aible newir to conwales, and now I dout nocht bot ane part of the sam fryndis hes be decret arbitrell ordanit sen syne the sam awidens to be put in my gud sonnys hand, the lard of castelmylkis, In keping for the wil of ws bayth, and he to oblis himself to randir the sam pesis rasau(it) be him agayn to my son or me, as we had ado wyth tham, as ye ma persais be his obligatioun gewin apoun the sam. quhat wil ye mair? my son and a part of my fryndis ar offendit that I haif disponit one<sup>2</sup> waye the landis to yow, bot yit quhat I haif doun

<sup>1</sup> ? Assistit.

<sup>2</sup> Any.

salbe doun. and I dout nocht bot ye will keip your promes to me agayn In all thingis, as I salbe willing to set forwartis yow and that caus efter my power as ye will aduertis me, and geif me information. trewle I am nocht weil handillit, geif I durst compleyn, for In gud fayth It hes cost me viii<sup>xx</sup> merkis and thre in seiking of that sobir sowm that ye suld paye, bot thair sall na man knaw the sam, bot geif ye will compell me. I haif send yow the lard of castelmylkis awin obligatioun maid to me apoun the resait of the pesis, bot ye man send me your writing apoun the sam, wyth the obligatioun for randring of It quhen I haif ado wyth It, becaus ye haif nathing ado bot onlie wyth the peses gewin me be my lord of morye. I luik for my oxin promisit to me be yowr awin writing, and geif I get nocht tham I will luik the les for keping of gritter promisis. I praye yow send a writing, and insart the contrak, and than ye and I will be bayth siker. I will nocht truble yow wyth Langer, bot refaris the rest to the sufficiencye of the berar, quhom to ye will pleis geif credit. of daildowe the xv of Julij 1577.—be your  
L at powir, Johnes of mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

To my werrye gud  
Lord the Lord of  
barnbaro<sup>t</sup>.

Letter from JAMES KINROSS to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
24th July 1577.

My Lord, eftir maist hartle commendatioun of seruice, pleis sen my Last writtin direct to your l I haiff resit ane lettir aganis your (l) tenentis for the teindis, bering the certificatioun as wes of befor, be ressoun the parteis wes summonid to gif thair aithis in certificatioun to tham, and thay felyed; thay suld be haldin pro confess—And becaus your l in respect of the proclamation culd haiff na process in your l fauouris nor aganis yow, becaus bayth your l pleis war ondir proclamatioun, and your l self, quhairfor caus summand tham of new agane with the lettres. Attour sen the resait of your l Lettir, and writtin of my anser thairto, your l oist<sup>1</sup> vpoun the xii of this instant departit, and

<sup>1</sup> Host.



wes bureit vpoun the xxiii. otheris novellis occurris nocht;  
and sua, with my hartte commendatioun of service to your l  
bedfallow, committis your l to the eternall. of Edinbrucht, the  
xxiv of July, 1577.—Be your l seruand at powar,

James kinross.

Lat this present mak my  
hartte commendatioun to Alex<sup>r</sup>  
waus, and the remanent  
your l seruandis.

To his speciall Lord and  
maister my lord of barnbaro.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 25th July 1577.

I haif rasauit your L lettir this xxiii of July daittit at may-  
boll the xxi of august, dissyyiring me to send this berar agayne  
to mayboill this sam daye xv dais for to rasaif the rest of the  
siluer, and failyeing thairof to send him tua dayis of befoir to  
barnbarrocht, quhair ye sall caus deliuer the sam wyth tua oxin.  
My Lord I haif rasauit sindry of your misseywis, quhair In ye  
appointit me to send ane seruand to rasaif the sam, and as yit I  
fynd nocht kepit. trewlie I am sory that ye handil me, that is  
your frynd, In sic maner, for ye can na wais accuus me of the  
brekin of one thing that ewir I wrait to yow, or yit my cousing  
promisit In my nayme. And geif your lordschip hes don the  
Lyik, I wil lat your awin conscaens accuis yow. My lord, your  
writing daittit the xxi of awgust at Mayboll, and thereafter to  
send that daye xv dayis to rasaif my siluer, makis me to study,  
for thai tua can nocht weil stand as your lettir is daittit.  
praing your L to aduertis me wyth this berar that I be nocht  
forther delayt, bot at the daye appointtit my payment of my  
siluer and oxin promisit; or ellis I man think that your L menis  
nather<sup>1</sup> to scorne me, and geif sua be, I sall preis<sup>2</sup> my self to  
rewenge the sam geif I ma. Your L man hold me excusit, I  
am handillit sua be yow, and sa mony promisis brokin, that I

<sup>1</sup> Nether, next.

<sup>2</sup> Press.

man lat yow knaw It. considering my gudwill I will luik for my payment at the daye appointit. I will nocht truble yow farther, sua committis yow in the protektioun of god. of dail-dowe, the xxv of July, 1577.—be your L at his powir,

To my Waraye gud

Johne of mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

Lord the Lard of

barnbarroch.

Letter from MINTO, Younger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
25th July 1577.

Richt honorable, eftir hartle commendation, quhom pleiss to be remembrit that now is the effixit tyme that I suld ressaif the rest of my siluer, and in consideration that the tyme was at your (L) awin option to be kippit without onny failye, I referrit on to the same tyme vpon that hop, as also your (L) lettiris sen syn hes bidden me to be assurit that my horss and that siluer sall be at the day continit in the obligatioun, quhilk your L knawis was this xxv of this Instant Julij; thairfor I heif send this berer my servand towart your (l), to send me word geif It be requirit that I cum my self alsweill to accumuliss that thing that belangis to my part as your (l) part. nocht ellis willing to truble your (l), bot referis to the berer, and comittis yov eternally in the lordis protection. of strivilling, the xxv of this instant Julij.—Your (L) to be comandit,

Mynto younger.

To the rycht hononorable the

lord of barnbaroch lord of

ouir sowerane Lordis session.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 8th August 1577.

I dout nocht bot or now your L hes oft enewecht knawin the  
<sup>1</sup> of my lettir. accordyng to the dissyir of your last lettir I haif send this berar. quhair your L makis mentioun In your writing that ye haif rasaut nathing of your securite, In gud fayth ye knaw your self at the beginning I schaw yow the

<sup>1</sup> Word illegible.

manir quhow my son had obstrukit my hail awidens and writing at the beginning of my seiknes, and yit ye knaw that I had sic thing, and I promisit to do all that Laye In my power to get yow the confirmatioun, as I sall do yit, and ye wor content of that, and wrait to me that ye wald tak your hasart. now my lord, forther quhair ye wryit that ye wald be content to renunce the Land sua I wald caus yow be payit of your siluer that ye haif debursit, as to that ye knaw your self I wrait to yow, and maid yow ane offir to haif fulfillit your dissyir In that, affore lammas last wes, And geif your L repentis one thing that is doun, yit lat me haif resonable daye, and ye sall haif ane ansur. In gud fayth I haif tynt swm of my awin fryndis for the selling of that land to yow, yit quhat I haif promisit I wil keip, and byid constantlie at yow quhill ye refuss me. as to the oxin ye promisit me, your awin writing at sindry tymes, besyid the credit of this berar, wil testyfy ye promisit to deliuer tham at beltan Last wes, and that wes onlie for carltoun, and not for na wthir Land. geif I get tham I salbe als thankfull to yow geif ye haf ado agan, and geif I get tham nocht conforme to your awin promes and writing, quhilk I haif nocht casting awye as yit, I will lippen the les to wthir thingis. I wil nocht truble yow wyth langer lettir, sua, committis yow to god. from dail-dowe, this viii of august, 1577.—be your L at powir,

John Stewart of  
mynto kny<sup>t</sup>.

To my warreye gud  
Lord the lard of  
barnbarro<sup>t</sup>.

Letter signed J. STEWART of Minto, Younger, 18th  
August 1577 (?).

Efter hartle comendationis, forsamikle as I hef oft with my lettiris trublit your (l) for that sobir siluir I suld heif bein payit be your (l) a lang tyme syn, and Inconsideration that I delt sa liberally with your (l), I lukit for mair thanksum deiling agane, as dewty requyrit be your (l) obligation, and yit I hef na

farther bot to put your (l) in remembrance thair of agane, seing the mater In sa lytill awaill In your (l) behalf, and may plesor me In sa hard begening of ane howss, quhilk I supoice aluayis ye tendir mikill thairfor I will vse na wther requist for my awin thing to your (l), bot It will pless your (l) to anser this berer nov presentle, and as to the registring of the wther contract, your (l) standis wpon, this salbe ane testimony to my dishonor gef that beis nocht done at quhat tyme your (l) plisis to send of your awin to se It done, tharefor, and nocht willing to truble your (l) farthar, referis to the berer, and comittis your (l) In the lordis protection. of deldove the xvij of this Instant. —Your (l) to command,

M Stevart of  
Mynto Younger.

To the rycht honorable and  
my trest frind the lard  
of barnbaroch ane of  
our soveran lordis session.

Letter from LORD RUTHVEN to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
8th November 1577.

Broder, eftir my maist hartlie commendationis, Being of mynde to haue bene in Ed<sup>r</sup> befor the present, for avaitting vpoun my lord of methvenis actionis depending in process befor yow, am in the mene tyme eirnestlie pressit to be present at the mariage of my cousing, the M<sup>r</sup> of grayis sone, with my lord chancellaris<sup>1</sup> dochter, quhilk is to be solemmyat the xvii of this instant. and I, standing so neir of kyn to bayth the parteis, can hardlie refuss sa ressonable a sute, Sua that it cannot be possible to me to keip the day affixit to robert nasmyth to prove the ressonis of his summondis gevin to his probatioun, to oppone aganis the same; Quhilk ressonis, as I am informit, man be provin be write, and my lord of methvenis aduocattis and myne can nocht be sufficientlie informit to say

<sup>1</sup> Lord Glamis, whose second daughter, Elizabeth, married Patrick, then Master of, and afterwards seventh Lord, Gray, who was nephew to Ruthven.

thairaganis without my awin presence and inspectionn. In respect heirof I will maist eirnestlie desyir yow that the ressait of probatioun may be delayit to sic day in the beginning of the nixt moneth ye think meit, quhilk god willing I sall keip, And, gif this occasioun hed nocht vrgit me, wald nocht haue pressit yow with this schort delay; Alsua I man maist eirnestlie dessyre yow that the actioun of reducioun of the third of the provestry of methven, persewit be my lord methven and m<sup>r</sup> James herring aganis James murray, may be callit, at the leist the actioun of suspensioun of double poiding to be stayit to my said cuming, or the incuming of the reducioun, quhairin ye sall do me uerray speciale pleseir, as I salbe reddy to acquyte in ane gretar mater quhen ye haue occasioun vpon me to charge. Remetting the rest to the crydit of the berar, committis yow in the protectioun of the almychtie. At Perth, the xij of november, 1577.—Your assurit brodir,

Ruthven.

To his broder the larde  
of barrinbarro ane of the  
Senatouris of our souerane  
lordis college Off Justice.

Letter from the COUNTESS OF CRAWFORD to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 7th November 1577.

My lord and maiche,<sup>1</sup> efter maist hartlie commendatione, thir presentis ar to put your L in remembrance that I haif nocht as yeit gottin my twa goldin chenyies,<sup>2</sup> for ye quhilk ye bean cautiouner in the townes buikes of ed<sup>r</sup> for hew Kenedy my Eime, albeit the day of the deliverance thereof be langsyne bypast. Thairfoir prayes your L to caus deliver the sam to this berar, henry guithrie my servand, and tak his acquytance thereon, quhilk salbe als sufficient as it war my awin. This I dout nocht bot your L will do, that I haif na farder trouble for my awin. as I salbe reddie to do your L sic plesor as lyes in my powar. And sua, referand the rest to berar, quhom your L

<sup>1</sup> Maich, marrow, *i.e.*, companion.

<sup>2</sup> Chains.



sall credeit, god preserve your L. ffrom brechin castell, the  
sevent day of november, 1577.—Be your L. assurit at pouar,  
Countes of Craufurd.

To the rycht hono<sup>l</sup> laird of  
barnbarro<sup>n</sup> ane of ye senators  
of ye college of Justice.

RECEIPT for the Delivery of two Gold Chains,  
12th November 1577.

I patrik waus, laird of barnbarrach, be the tenor heiroyf grantis  
me to haif ressaut ffra helene broun two cheinyeis of gold of  
sevin unce vecht ane vnicornles,<sup>1</sup> deliuerit be hew kennedy, fader  
bruther to gilbert erle of cassillis that last deceist, to the said  
helene, to lay in pledge before Yule last bipast. Quhilk  
cheinyies I, the said patrik, grantis me to haif ressaut, and be  
thir presentis obliss me to releif hir and hir airis at the hand of  
the said hew kennedie, and all vtheris haiffand interes thairto,  
Be thir presentis, Subscrivit with my hand at Ed<sup>r</sup>, the twelt  
day of November, The yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> thre scoir seventene  
yeiris. Befoir thir witnesses.

[In another hand and ink, probably autograph]

I haife geiffin ane vthir acquitance to Johne foraster for the  
samin effect, becaus I ressaut the chenyes fra hym, and  
deliuerit hym for the samyn sex scoyr v libs.

Barnbarrach.

Endorsed

Barnbarrochis discharge gevin  
to helene broun in ed<sup>r</sup>.

Helene brounis dischargis frae the laird of barnbaro<sup>t</sup>.

Letter from HEW KENNEDY of Ochterlure to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 5th December 1577.

My lord, efter my meist hartlie commendatioun, It will pleiss  
your (l) ressaue fra this berar the rentall of galloway in safar as

<sup>1</sup> Doubtful; a unicorn was a gold coin of the reign of James III. It may  
mean seven ounces, less (all but) the weight of one unicorn.

was in vse to pay to my lord, sa far as I can ken be James hawthorne or ony vthir intromettoris thairwith. As to the teyndis, I can haif na perfit rentall thairrof, for I had nevir ado thairwith; bot my Lady cassillis hes the samyn, and It man be had fra hir, and mair nor is abill to be gottin payment thairrof. Your (L) man tak speciall attendance to the small bollis of the victuallis of glenluce, and gett sic allowance for thame as dene alex<sup>r</sup> cairnis, martin kenedy, and James hawthorne, allowit vnto thame in thair comptis, to make the tane boll to be equevalent with the vthir. as to the corne in this cuntre, thai say will nocht gif ws bot horss corne, quhilk will nocht be worth xx s the boll; thairfor ye sall declair the samyn to my lord chancellor.<sup>1</sup> fordar your (l) sall wnderstand that thar is sum in this cunttre, that hes nocht bene weill villaris to my lord of cassillis houss in tymes paste, Is misconttentit that your (L) and I suld do ony thing that mycht be avantage to my lordis houss, quhilk, for ony apperance or avantage that we are like to get in that mater, I wald wishe that selk<sup>2</sup> had It, sua being It wald redwnd to my lordis weill; for thai say, war nocht your (l) and I, thai mycht haif had thair selfe and thair freindis in vse of my lordis leving as thai plesit, quhilk thai wald nocht easle<sup>3</sup> haf bene put fra; quhilk I dowt nocht bot my lord chancellor and your (l) will heir in edinburgh be sum mannis menyng quhat thai wald haif bene at, bot my lord chancellor knawis quhat he hes ado. Your (l) sall be assurit that the vittuallis in this cuntre gevis na thing as yit bot four merkis the boll, for blessit be god we ar this yeir als gude as ony cuntre is, and na apperance of ony greit derth. I will remitt the rest of my mynd to your (l) in vtheris memoriallis; and as to James Hawthorne, he hes writtin his mynd to your (l). and ony vthir thing ye wald haif done writt to me, quhilk salbe done at the vtirmast of my pover. and god preserue your (l) be his keping. of Sanct Johnis chapell,<sup>4</sup> the fyft day of december. be your (l) at command, and the vtirmast of my power,

Hew kennedy of  
wehtrelure.

<sup>1</sup> Lord Glammis, who was tutor to the Earl of Cassillis.

<sup>2</sup> Such.

<sup>3</sup> Easily.

<sup>4</sup> Kirkcudbright.

Item your (l) sall send me vord quheidir I sall mell with the fermis of landis, that kinhilt<sup>1</sup> Is In sesing of, or nocht. als your (l) vill avyss with my lord chanclar<sup>2</sup> gif thair be ony landis in this cuntre, quhilk his (lo) hes varnit, that his (lo) vill nocht haif ws resavane the maillis thair of; and that your (L) vill bring the Just rentall hame vith your (lo), and In speciall to remember of the small missour that his (lo) vill allowe, as ves befor allowit, to mak It agreable to the tuthir,<sup>2</sup> quhilk allowance your (lo) sall refer to dein Alex<sup>r</sup> carins, and marten kennedy, Jame hawthorne comptis; and, gif thair be ony vthir thingis your (lo) vald haif Inspectioun of, your (lo) vill aduerteiss me vith this berar. farder I vrete to your (lo) befor vith Johnne kennedy, your (lo) servand, that I vnderstuid that, gif James and me lord agre nocht, that he vilbe als troble to vs as he may; thairfoir quhat vilbe your part thairto I sall do thaireftir to my poer. nocht ellis, bot refferis the rest to your anser in vreite of all thingis.

To the Rycht honorabill, and my  
spessiall guid frind, my (lo)  
of barinbarroch.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 15th December 1577.

(My Lord, I haue r)asaut your L lettir daittit at mayboil the xv daye (of aw)gust, dissyiring to appoint with me betuix andros daye<sup>3</sup> (to pay the) rest that is behind. trewlie I onderstand nocht weill quhat (all th)at menis, bot ye maye communicat one thing that ye pleis (to) this berar. In gud feyth and<sup>4</sup> I had nocht enterit wyth yow or<sup>5</sup> now, we suld newir haif had metting the gidder in this world. I onderstand that ye haif writing to my cousing Willam steward to caus summond the Lard of castle-milk for producceing of the awidens of quhithorn pertenyng to yow; trewlie I haif still trawalit wyth him this half yeir for deliuering of the sam, and now of Lait I haif gottin him bund, and my son the priour of blanter,<sup>6</sup> to deliuer the sam betuix and

<sup>1</sup> Adair of Kinhilt.

<sup>2</sup> Lord Glammis, the tutor of Cassillis.

<sup>3</sup> 30th November.

<sup>4</sup> An, if.

<sup>5</sup> Before.

<sup>6</sup> Blantyre.

the xx daye of (apryll), as ye ma persaiſ be thair obligatioun, and thairapon na thing sa mekill as that thai knaw nocht quhat pesis is contenit In his obligatioun and resait of befoir, quhilk thing ye man mak tham suir of be the produceing of the sam ; quhairfor It will pleis yow to send the sam to me, and tak the attentik cobby thairof or<sup>1</sup> ye send It, and I sall nocht fail god willing to deliuer yow the sam agayn, or ellis the awidens, or the attentik coppis of tham, conform to my promes ; albeit I haif nocht bein sa onestlie, nor liberalie, handillit be yow as I haif disseruit, yit I will do that thing that becumes me to do. I will nocht truble your L wyth langer lettir. committis yow to god. ffrom daildowe, the xv daye of december, 1577.—be your L at power,

John of mynto knycht.

To my warraye guid  
 Lord my Lord the  
 Lard of barnbarrocht.

Lease by LORD GLAMMIS,<sup>2</sup> as Tutor to LORD CASSILLIS,<sup>2</sup> of his Lands in Galloway to Mr PATRICK WAUS of Barnbarroch and HEW KENNEDY of Ochterlure, 30th December 1577.

At edinburcht and Inche<sup>3</sup> the xxx last day of december yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> threscor seventene yeiris It is appointit, aggreit, and finalie contractit, betuix ane nobill and michtie Lord, Johne Lord Glammiss chancellor of Scotland, and tutour testamentar to Johne erle of cassillis, vpone that ane part, and M<sup>r</sup> patrick waus of barnbarro, and hew kennedie of auchtre-lure, on that vther pairt, In maner following ; That is to say, the said nobill and michtie Lord, as tutour foirsaid, hes maid, constitut, and ordanit, and be thir presentis makis, constitutis, and ordanis, the saidis M<sup>ris</sup> Patrick and hew his factouris and pro(curato)ris in rem suam, To Ressaue and intromet all and haille the fermes off beir, meill, and corne, off all Landis and teindis pertening to the said erle, Lyand within the schireffdom

<sup>1</sup> Before.

<sup>2</sup> Maternal uncle of John, fifth Earl, who succeeded on 12th December 1576.

<sup>3</sup> Inche, Lord Cassillis' residence in Galloway.

of wigtone, or in ony part of the boundis of galloway Regalite, or Royaltie, To the quhilkis the said erle of cassillis, and his tutour foirsaid, hes rycht, of the crop and yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> Threscoir seventene yeris, according to the Rentall, quhilk salbe gevin to thame thairvpone, with power to thame to intromet thairwith, call, follow, and persew thairfoir, as thay think maist expedient, and to giff acquittancis thairvpone in the maist ampill forme. For the quhilk the saidis maister patrik and hew obliss thame, coniunctlie and severalie, To content and pay to the said Lord chancellor, his aris, exes [executoris], and assis [assignais], the soume off thrie pundis vsuall money of this realme for ewerilk boll, conforme to the erle of cassillis mesor of the inche, of ferme beir and meill oureheid, and for ilk tua bollis of ferme corne the soume of uther thre pundis, and for ilk boll tend meill the soume of xxvi s. viiid, In maner following, The ane halff thairof foir dayis befor the feist of mertymes the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> threscor aughtene yeris, and the remainder of the samyn foir dayis befor the feist of witsoneday The yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> Lx nyntene yeris. Prowyding allwayis that vchtred m<sup>c</sup>dowall of Garffland, Patrik Agnew Sheriff of wigtone, william adar of kenhilt, and the said hew kennede of achterlure pay na mair for the teindis of thair landis nor thay war accustomit to pay of befor, for the quhilkis the saidis factouris sall pay na farder bot according to thair payment as said is. Attour the saidis M<sup>r</sup> patrik and hew oblissis thame, coniunctlie and seweralie, To gadder, collect, and inbring to the said lord, The haill silwer maillis pertening to the said erle of cassillis within the boundis of galloway, of the crop and yeir of god threscor sewentene yeris foirsaid. Provyding alsua giff that the tenentis pay and lay in the tua part of thair fermes and victuallis of this instant yer, that is for the third part beand nocht payit nor laid in, that it sall nocht be lesum to the said M<sup>r</sup> patrik and hew and thair factouris to tak ony mair of thair tenentis bot halff ane mark mair nor thay pay to the said Lord chancellor for everilk boll of the thrid part, nocht being restand and unpayit, in haill fyve markis for everie boll, as said is; and heirto bayth the saidis parteis faytfullie



binds and oblissis them to utheris, and for the mair securite ar content, and consentis, that thir presentis be actit, and Registrat in the buikis of consall and session, and decernit to haiff the strentht of ane decree of the Lordis thairof, with executorialis of horning to pas thairvpone, and to that effect the saidis partes makis, and constitutis . . . thair procuratoris, coniunctlie and severalie, in vberiori forma. In witnes heiroy bayth the saidis parteis hes subscriyvit this present contract with thair handis, day, yer, and place foirsaidis, befor thir witnessis.

Jhon L. glamyss.

[There are no witnesses.]

Endorsed—Ane tak set be me Lord glamis as tutor testamantar to the erle off cassillis off his landis In galloway to Barnbarroche and Hew Kenedy off uchtraluir, 30th December 1577.

Letter from ALEXANDER M'KIE to Mr PATRICK WAUS,  
probably in 1577.

Rycht honorabill Ser, efter my hartlie commendatioun, and service, ye sall vit my lord Justice clerk dois mekill for me for your causs, and vill get me my remissioun<sup>1</sup> or I cum hame; thairfor Ser ye man send me out thre hundrith merkis of mony for the samyn, and lat na man ken at I am apointtit, exsep my vyif. and siklik, Ser, the regent<sup>2</sup> hes bene verray fauorabill to me for your requesting quhen ye var present. I pray you, Ser, send ane vretting to thank the Justice clark for his gudnes to me. Ser, ye man send the silver with sum sacreit traist hand, and gar it cum with als gret delegece as ye may. for godis causs confort my vyif. I vas in haist Ser at the vritting of this, for my lord regent send me ane messag, quhilk I sall gar your M know at our meting. nocht ellis, Ser, bot I may prayss god at I had your m to do for me at this tyme, quhilk, geif I haif ane lyif, sall nocht be for yet. commend me to your Bedfallow. be youris sone to my power, alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Ke.

To the rycht honorabill and my father

M patrik vauss of barnbarrach.

<sup>1</sup> He had been put to the horn in 1576.

<sup>2</sup> Earl of Morton.

[From the place whence the following letter is dated, one might think the writer was Sir William Douglas of Hawick, only son of Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig. He married Margaret, second daughter of Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar; was actively engaged on the King's side at the battle of Langside, 1568, and in the civil wars; and died before his father in 1572. The writer, however, was probably Sir William Douglas of Lochleven; for, on 30th January 1577-8, Lord Robert Stewart, feuar of Orkney and Zetland, gave a Bond to re-enter in ward, with Robert Logan of Restalrig, Uthrid M'Dowell of Garthland, and Johnne Pennycuke, younger of that Ilk, as his cautioners, under the penalty of £10,000; and Alexander, Earl of Sutherland, Allane, Lord Cathcart, Williame Dowglas of Lochleven, Maister Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, and Laurence Bruce of Cultimalinde, bound themselves to relieve the above cautioners (*Reg. Priv. Coun.*, vol. ii., p. 669). The letter is therefore inserted previous to the later date.]

Letter signed WILLIAM DOUGLAS to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH. [Holograph.]

My verie honoured and aproved guid freind, having sum weichtie ocasiones, quhairin ye may muche availl me, quhilk I could nather hasard to wrytt, nor committ wntto the credeitt of any beirar, I was thairfoir purpoisid to have comitt to yowr awin hous to have spokin with yow; bott considering that it nicht breid suspicione, I have att last presumitt, outt of the former prufis I have had of yorr guidwill and kyndnes, To entreatt this muche mair favour att yowr handis, that ye will tak the panis to cum doune to drumlangrig Imediatelie efter the sicht heirof, quhair ye sall nott be burdenitt to stay langer nor yowr awin plesour. this must be done so quicklie and secreitlie as ye can, becaus I desyre no man to knaw yowr intentione, for sik causis as ye sall knaw att meitting. So luiking for yow, all excus sett apairtt, as ye sall find me alwayis reddie to gif yow ane honest and deutifull meitting, quhensoevir ye have to do

quhairin I can be stedabill<sup>1</sup> to yow, I rest youris evir assurit to  
his last, W<sup>am</sup> Douglas.

of drumlangrig this  
monday at evin in haist.

I have directit this bearar to say that he is comitt fra James chamberis the maisour,<sup>2</sup> to the effeict ye may gif outt that your erand is to edinbruche; And so to avoid the suspicione of your servandis or utheris. ye sall als att your coming heir resave ane vther lettir from ane vther vnknawin bearar as yif it war ane stay.

To his honoured and aprouvid guid freind The laird of barnbarroch.

Letter by the EARL OF MONTROSE to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 6th January 1577-8.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendationes, forsamekle it will pleiss your L wit the actione<sup>3</sup> off quhithorne is to be callit the xii day of this instant. It is nocht unknowin to your L quhow deir the said actione is to me, And seing your L hes bene sa thankfull in this causs the tyme past, I will request your L to stand permanent off that sam mynd, and siclyk that your L will request vtheris to the sam effect, that may help the said caussis; and anent that thing your L desyrit of me, I pat the sam in patrik flemingis handis at your L desyr, the quhilk your L sall ressaue at meting with sic vther thingis your L may command in that caiss. Nocht dowting bot your L will do the sam, as your L may haw me to command in all thingis may do your L service and plesour, referris the rest to the berar: swa, hawand na forder occasione, committis your L in the protectione of the eternall god. At Montross the vi of Januar 1577.

forder I dowt nocht bot your L will fulfill your promess

<sup>1</sup> Helpful.

<sup>2</sup> Macer.

<sup>3</sup> The plea of Whithorn was between Lord Robert Stewart and William Fleming (see Sir J. Stewart's discharge, 15th November 1578).

as I sall do the sam, and als that your L will speik thame  
that may hender this causs to be thankful thairin.

Youris L gud freind  
Montroiss.

To his maist speciall  
the layrd off barrinbarrow.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 13th January 1577-8.

I haif resauit your L lettir daittit at edinbrucht the xvii daye  
of december, And quhair your L writis that ye wald be content  
to aggre wyth me for the restis, that suld be payit be yow at  
the end of the ple, sua I wald be resonable; trewlie I haif beyn  
In tymis bygayne mair on resonable to my self, and to myne  
awin, nor I haif beyn one<sup>1</sup> waye to yow; yit thai ma wyit tham  
self, and thair awin ewil bering, that ye haif cumming sa gud  
speid. as to be resonable In the restis, geif ye pleis to furneis  
reddy siluer, I salbe wareye resonable, as I haif informit this  
berar; geif nocht, I man resing<sup>2</sup> that rest ovr In my sonnis  
hand, for payment of certaine dettis that he hes tayne apoun him  
to paye for me, as ye will persaif mair larglie In ane writing  
maid, and on subscriuit as yit, betuix him and me. as to  
appilbe I grant, as ye allege, It is the worst land within that  
Lordschip, bot I will hald It the best, and will do as the man  
did that had the mony doychtirs, the best is hindmost. trewlie  
appilbe is dar to me nor al the rest of the land that I had thair.  
I knaw ye ma nocht weill want It, bot wil mak ane barony of  
the hail, as newir ane lard of barnbarrocht did the lyk afoir, and  
that wil caus me hald It the dar. In gud fayth the lard of  
mains hes bidding mekil mair to my son, the prior of blantir,  
quha hes beyne ernistle trawelling wyth me, at quhais dissyir I  
knaw nocht. thairfor geif ye pleis to haif It, Lat me haif siluer,  
and na fair wordis, als mekil as wthiris biddis, and ye sall haif It;  
and wthirwais ye sall apardon me. I can nocht seill my land,  
and thig<sup>3</sup> my siluer. ye sall nocht be offendid suppois I wryt

<sup>1</sup> Been any.

<sup>2</sup> Resign.

<sup>3</sup> Beg.

hoymle ; It is bot the trewth. all thingis hes not beyne sa weil  
 kepit as It wes promisit In tymis bygayne, and forther I Luik  
 for your L determinate ansur For all, and god be your keipar.  
 of daildowe, xiii daye of Januar, 1577.—be your L awin at all  
 powir, Johne of mynto kny<sup>t</sup>.

To my waraye gud Lord  
 the Lard of barnbarrocht.

Letter from Sir PATRICK AGNEW to Sir PATRICK WAUS,  
 about 1577 or 1578.

My Lord, efter my maist hartle commendatioun, efter my  
 vriting to your L with hew, I reseuit ane vriting of my Lord  
 chanslaris the xxix day of october, desyryng me to be at his L  
 in edinburch the first of november, quhilk your l may schaw  
 my Lord chanslar it was over schort warning. And in respect  
 I haid appoyntit befor the dayat betwix his L and the lard of  
 Lochinvar, as I writ to your L befor with hew, I could not be  
 able to keipe his L vriting for schortnes of tyme ; Thairfor  
 your L man haif me excusit at my Lord chanslar. And farther,  
 gif my Lord chanslar rydis over the watter, ye may causs his L  
 speik the comtrollar and the saurar<sup>1</sup> with your aun diligence,  
 quhilk I lippen maist to continew my comptis quhile his (L)  
 bak cuming, and to adverteiss me of his (L) dayat to Ed<sup>r</sup> agane,  
 that I may causs the lard of Lochinvar keipe the same ; and  
 your l anser in vrit with the berar, with my hartle commenda-  
 tionis to your ladie my ant. Off Lochnaw be your gud frend at  
 power on the auld maner. Patrick Agnew.

Your l will delyver this other  
 writing of myne to my Lord  
 chanslar, and excuiss the same  
 as your L wysdom thinkis gud.  
 To my ry<sup>t</sup> speciall frend  
 my lord of barnbaroch.

[Sir Patrick Agnew was Sheriff of Galloway from 1547 till

<sup>1</sup> Treasurer.



1590. There is a letter in the Barnbarroch Papers from Hew Kennedy to the Chancellor Glamis, dated 12th January 1577-8, referring to the Sheriff's accounts.]

Letter from the REGENT MORTON to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d January 1577-8.

My Lord, For that ye shew ws that ye wald persew the Lord Hereis the morne in caiss the money wer not deliuerit, And now that we heir ye intend to ryde Leving this vndone, quhairby this puir strangear will be hevely dissapoynted, the obligatioun remaining in your handis; This thairfoir sal be to desire your L that ye stay your ryding quhill that mater be put to a poynt, as resson and conscience wald, ffor the relief of thame that will find the charge the gretar the Langar that it be unrelivit. Thus we committ yow to god. At Halyruidhous, the xxiii of Januar, 1577.—your gude freind,

James Regent.

To our traist freind  
the Lard of barbarrauch.

[The following undated letter from the Laird of Mochrum may refer to the same debt of Lord Herries.]

Letter from Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efter meist hartlie commendatioun, this is to aduerteiss your (l) that I haue tane four hundreth pund fra (m) James m<sup>c</sup>carney, and hes ordanit him to delyuer to your (l) sax hundreth pund, according vnto your (l) awin directioun; bot remembering quhat danger I am in, gif the fairsaid four hundreth pund be nocht had agane the day I haue to do thair-with, I haue repentit the way bryning<sup>1</sup> of the samin, and thairfoir hes thocht gude to desyir your (l) to be delygent vpoun my (l) hereis,<sup>2</sup> and sicc as hie hes lyppynit to, (to) anser your (l) of the said four hundreth pund, that ye may be sure of the samin

<sup>1</sup> Away bringing.

<sup>2</sup> Lord Herries.

at the leist thrie dayis befoir my day appoyntit. for gif I cum in cumir throw vane of the samin, I haue nane to repreif bot your (l), quha tuik the treist and credeit of the samin vpoun yow. tresting thairfoir your (l) will do heirin in sicke maner as nowther I sall haue cumir of payment of my sovme, nor yit just occatioun to repreif your (l), becauss I had neuer the samin. And sua my commendationis done to my ant, your bedfallow, I commit yow bayth to the protectioun of god. of begger, this last vedinsday, be your (l) awin assurit in the auld maner.

Mocherwrm.

To the Rycht honorable  
And his meist speciall lord  
my lord of our soueran lordis  
sessioun and laird of barmbarroch.

Letter from HEW KENNEDY of Ochterlure to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 3d February 1577-8.

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendationnis, I haif resauit your (L) wretting, Declaring me that the Laird of garflen<sup>1</sup> and the Sheref of Wigtoun had offerit to my Lord chancelar<sup>2</sup> four merkis for euerie boll of firme maill, and tua merkis for euerie boll of teind maill, quhairof the Sheref hes maid his want<sup>3</sup> in galloway, and stayis the tenentis of payment, and sayis that he and the Laird of garfland hes gottin the same of the pryce foirsaid during my Lordis tutorie; and, gif sa beis, I desyre your (L) that ye be at poynt thairinto with my Lord chancelar, to the effect that I mak nocht daly aduerteisment to James hawtorne to mak proclamotionnis in your L, name and myne, to the effect we be farder scornit, or mokit, in the cuntre, and nocht to provale to ws; for James hawtorne hes bene in this toune of mayboill at me, and declaris that the sheref hes dischargit ony factouris to be thair except the Laird of garfland and he; and gif it be vthirwayes, prayis your (L) to aduerteis me; and causs my Lord to do the samen; And with goddis grace

<sup>1</sup> Garthland. <sup>2</sup> Lord Glamis, then tutor of the Earl of Cassillis. <sup>3</sup> Vaunt.

your sell heir tell I sell nocht be scornit with thame, cum efter quhat sa may. Thairfore prayis your L to aduerteis me formallie quhat I sell proceid heirinto, or quhat wilbe your (L) part; and nocht to be daly to know the certentie of my Lordis mynd. this, my Lord, I luik for your L, anser in wrette, and quhat wilbe your L pairt heirinto; referring the rest thairto, with your anser presytlie in wrette, And god haif your (L) in keiping. wrettin frome mayboill, this monnonday the thrid of fabruar, 1577.—Be youris (L) Gud frend at powar to be commandit,  
 hew kennedy of vchtreluir.

Lykwayes your (L) sell wnderstand that the sheref hes said that at your last gangin afail to edin<sup>r</sup> that your L suld nocht haif ado with the said factorie in galloway, and, gif sa beis, I desyre your L to adverteis me with the treuth thairof, for I Luikit for the contrar.

To the rycht honorabill and speciall freind the  
 Laird of barmbarrot.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
 BARNBARROCH, 4th February 1577-8.<sup>1</sup>

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, this salbe to put yow in remembrans of your last lettir writing to me, quhair In ye wer wareye dessyirus that I suld labir to get yow the ewidens of the landis, or ellis the attentik coppis thairof, according as I had promisit and contrakit wyth yow; and at the rasait of the sam ye promisit to deliuer to me the rest of the siluir for the landis of appilbe. and to that effek trwlie I trawalit waraye ernisle bayth for your fawir, and for my promes saik, or ellis I trest ye had nocht gottin tham; and upoun the sam ye causit

<sup>1</sup> This letter has no date, but it must have been written after Barnbarroch had received Castlemilk's deed of confirmation, and before he paid for Apilbie.

me send willam steward to edinbrucht, quha ramenit a month and tua dais, and, as he sais, he rasaut na gud anser of yow, bot bad him cum or send In galloway to yow, and ye wald prowyid my siluir, and thair efter causit him cum In galloway, and remayn thair xii dais, and at the end he sais ye bad him cum to edinbrucht, and ye wuld geif him fyif hundryth merkis for the hail restis that is behind, and will pay me na siluir wtherways. I haif had mony promissis of yow in ane mair gentil manir of yow, bot It is weil sett that thai haif sorow that byis It wyth thair siluir. do as ye wil, I know the worst. I haif writing this writing this lettir to the effek I ma know your full mynd, for I am newir the wyisar of willam stewardis speikin. thairfor I wald know your awin ansur, quhilk I praye yow to send me wyth this berar, your ful resolutioun and mynd, quhat ye will do, and ye sall haif ane anser. als I praye yow send me castelmilkis obligatioun, for I trest ye haif na mair ado wyth It, sen ye haif rasaut the lettiris alridde. I praye yow caus our kontrak to be insart in the buikis of the consell, and caus your procurator to compeir gef ye be nocht present yourself to the effek, as I sall do the lyik; and quhat wthir thing ye can burthen me wyth all, odir be promes or wthirwais, and I sall fulfill the sam eftir my power. I wil nocht bid yow do the lyik, bot ye know your dewete. ye sall send me ane ansur of al thingis as I haif writing, and ye sal nocht be mekil mair truble wyth me, bot as the tyme sal offir. I wil nocht truble yow father, sua committis yow to god.—be your L at al powr,

John of mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

To my waraye gud lord  
the lard of barnbarro<sup>t</sup>.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 13th February 1577-8.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun, I haif rasaut your L lettir, daittit at edimbrucht the penult of January, wyth ane hundryth merkis, as ye wryit it, part of payment of four hundryth and fyifte merkis, and conform to your dessyir I haif

tayne ane infestment of my dochtir, quhilk ye sall rasaif. I wil put yow to that payn to rais ane acturnyne,<sup>1</sup> and send In and tak my sesing. ye sall rasaif als my awin chartur of alwarties,<sup>2</sup> wyth the contrak as to your awidens, confirmation, and the rest that ye wryit for. I trest thai salbe at yow schortlie, for geif your charrgis had beyn gewin, as I dessyirit thomas waus, thai had beyn at yow or now; bot Ser hewis<sup>3</sup> seiknes stoppit that. thomas waus mycht nocht do al that wes dissyiris him to do. alwayis the charge is gewin now. castelmylk<sup>2</sup> wald feyne pleis my son<sup>5</sup> and me bayth, bot at the lengthe he will present tham befor thir lordis, and saif him self, and displeis my son and me bayth, quhilk I am weill content of for my part. my son trawalis all that he dow to stop yow wn gettin that land, bot ye ar wyis anewcht now. I praye yow, sen ye wryit that the siluer is reddy, to mak me na mair deffarrans of payment, considering I haif gewin yow al thingis at your awin will and pleseir; wthirwais to geif this berar ane schort anser, and lat him cum awaye. I will nocht truble yow wyth Langer lettir. committis yow to god. from daildowe, this xiiij of febrewry, 1577.—be youris L att all pouer,

Johne steward of mynto  
knycht.

To my waraye gud  
Lord the Lard of  
Barnbarrocht.

Receipt by Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto of 300 merks, being part of the Price of Appleby, 1st March 1577-8.

I Johne Steward of mynto knycht grantis me to haif rasaut fra the handis and deliuerans of ane honorable man, maister patrik waus of barnbarrot, the sowm of thre hundryth merkis, In part of payment of four hundryth and fyfte merkis, and that for the alienatioun of the ten merk land of appilbe, conforme to ane

<sup>1</sup> Attorney.

<sup>2</sup> Probably Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvan Mains.

<sup>3</sup> Sir J. Stewart's son-in-law.

<sup>4</sup> Doubtful; name of a place.

<sup>5</sup> The Prior of Blantyre.



contrak maid betuix the saidis maister patrik and me, off the quhilk sowm of thre hundryth merkis I hald me weil content and payt, and dischargis the said maister patrik, his airis, executoris, and assingnais, be this my hand wryit, subscriuit wyth my hand at daildowe the first day of merche, 1577, befor thir witnes, wilam steward, georg steward, patrik hall, wyth wthiris diuersis.

Johne Steward of  
Mynto kny<sup>t</sup>.

[There are no signatures of witnesses.]

Endorsed

The layrde of myntoyss acquittance.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 5th March 1577-8.

I haif (rasauit) your L lettir the penult of februar to gedder wyth sex scoir of pundis In part of payment, and dissyiris me to send to yow my discharge of thre hundryth merkis, and ye sall send me xx merkis quhilk restit of the payment of the said thre hundryth merkis, and that ye sall send me a hundryth merkis betuix and paice; bot I heir na word of the todir fyfte merkis, nor quhen It salbe payit. as to the discharg, ye sall rasaif the sam fra the berar, and deliuer him I praye yow the sax xx merkis, quhilk ye knaw ye promisit be your awin writing, quhilk I haif to schaw; praing yow to schaw me fawir and thankfulnes In payment of my awin, and geif me na occatioun to compleyn, suppois thair be mater enwch In tymes past. The grittast occatioun of my heste writing is I onderstand my eldest son is to repair towartis yow, and his special erand is, as he allegis, to se the awidens presente befor the Lordis, bot the trewth is this, he menis to trawel wyth my lord robert, be al the craft he ma, to se geif he can one <sup>1</sup> waye dryf him to mak yow and me baith cummir; bot thair is a thing I knaw my lord robert to be indigent, and misterfull,<sup>2</sup> and he hes na thing to geif him; yit I knaw him to be facill, thairfor I thoct It gud to prewent the tyme, and geif yow warning. my cousing wes schawand me

<sup>1</sup> Any.

<sup>2</sup> Necessitous.

that my lord robert suld saye to yow that he saw my sonis sesing past apon the landis of appilbe, quhilk is nocht trw; bot the trewth is this, at the appointment making betuix my lord boyid and me I wes ordanit to paye him ane grit sowm of siluer, and I had nocht all the hail siluer, bot wes constrainit to siek ane part of It apon Land, and my son wes in fe of the sam Land, and for na labir that I suld mak at his hand he wald consent thairto, wythowt I gaif him ane part of the landis that I had in gallowaye, quhilk Indeed I consentit to; and he chose the ten merk land of appilbe, and the mill, and maid his infestment thairapon, and In this meyntym I saw my self sa opprest be him I schaw the mater to my lord robert, and dissyirit him geif he wald rasaif my dochiris be my resignatioun, and he wes content, and I contynu<sup>1</sup> I send my brothir secretle awaye, and tuk hir sesing to hir, quhilk sesing wes newir knawin to him quhill the tyme that he tuik my haill lettiris and awidens, and fand the sam amang tham, and sen syne thair wes na thing spokin of the mater quhill now. and now I onderstand that he is myndit In sa far as he ma to trawel wyth my lord robert to do ws the cummir that he ma; thairfor sen my lord robert is thair, and In your handilling now, I think It best that ye spak him or<sup>2</sup> the odir speak wyth him; for geif he wor wyis he suld nocht mak me fallowis to na wthir, for I had nocht beyn the first warnar of prior malicumis deid, and thair eftir trawallit wyth my lord of moraye for the benifice to him, he had newir cumming In that rowm; and had the indingnatioun of my lord of glencairn for the sam still, quhill he deit; thairfor, sen he is facill, ye man handill him the mair warie. I praye yow be nocht offendit wyth my prolix writing, albeit It be nocht sertane, yit my meynying is gud. ye sall aduertis me agayn wyth the berar of all thingis as ye think gud, and faill nocht to send me the siluer wyth the berar. I wil nocht truble yow farther. committis yow to god. from Daldowe, this fyif of merche, 1577.—be your L at all powir

To my waraye gud

John of mynto kny<sup>t</sup>.

Lord my lord the  
lard of barnbarrot.

<sup>1</sup> Or Incontynent.

<sup>2</sup> Before.

Letter from LORD BOYD to the LAIRD of BARNBARROCH,  
6th March 1577-8.

Eftir my hartlie commendationis, heirand of this conventioun of the erleis of argyle, athoil, and montrois, in striviling, and now that ye are cumit thair in cumpany with the Imbassadoris, thairfoir I wald be glaid to knaw ony newis of thair proceedingis thair, and quhethir materis is to be appoyntit betvix my lord regentis g.<sup>1</sup> and the saidis lordis upone thir bygane bruittis, that is past amongis thame, or nocht, and gif the Imbassadoris, or ony noblemen of scotland be travelland to that effect, or quha ar the travellaris, ffor the bruittis gangis diverslie in thir partis. ffarther I pray yow to latt me knaw quhat presentis the Imbassadoris presentit the kingis matie with, and quhat wes the commissioun thai declairit to his g. Ye man excuse me of my hamelie chargeing, for I salbe reddie to do yow siclike plesor quhen ye pleis to employ me. Thus leving farther for the present, committis yow to god. Off glasgw, this sext of merche, 1577.—Your assurit freind at pover,

R. Boyd.

To the right honorable  
and my traist freind  
The laird of Barnbarroth.

Letter from Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 12th March 1577-8. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my mest hartly commendassionis, and na les thankis to your lordschip, and for monyfald kendes and gret freindschip, quhilk I haif evir fvnd and feindis in your (l), and specially nov of lait quhar I haif persauit be your (l) vretting quhar ye had resonit vyth my lord regentis (g) vpon my singnatour, tovxing the confirmassion of the landis obtenit be the basstarddin, better nor ather I or ony of my freindis I lypnit did evir affor, and tharby parsauit in lyk manir that ye hayf meid the regentis (g) confes the occasion of the stopping of my

<sup>1</sup> On the 8th of March 1577-8, Morton resigned the regency, and the king, James VI., assumed the government.

singnattour, and brocht his (g) to be in purpos tovarthis me, nor athir I, or ony I lypnis to, covld bring him to affor, and sen your (l) heis brocht the matar to this povnt, that I am lykly nocht to be handillit for by the commovn coustoum, and alsuay that tyme is presyous.<sup>1</sup> and nocht to be teint,<sup>2</sup> I vill yeit als affor mest ernistly desy your (l) for to vork ovt all the vayis ye kan, and vyth als gret delygenss ye may, to get my confyrmacion past, and sen this berar agan to me vyth all dellygenss vyth the neyim<sup>3</sup> of the samin [or soum] at<sup>4</sup> yovr (l) fauour heis gotten of the regentis (g), and thar sall nocht one our be lost quhill I hayf at yovr (l) vyth the mony,<sup>5</sup> and geff my confirmacion stykis in ony pless be resson of the prevelag of the landis, and sycht of the auld infetment, your (l) may spek ernistly to Jemis makcartnay to get me athir the extrak of the samin from robart schot, lyk as I hayf vretin to Jemis to the samin effek, or ellis get me the extrak of the auld regestar bukis, quhilkis his master hes in kepping. I vret to yovr (l) mair ernistly to hayf my confirmacion speid for sek cavssis as I sall declar yovr (l) at metting, and suay hayfing mest sovir<sup>6</sup> confydenss in yovr (l), nocht to trovbill yovr (l) vyth mony vordis, persauing yovr (l) faruant<sup>7</sup> mynd in my causs, quhilkis wyth the grac of god salbe als trevilly rememberit as my ovttermost power may extend in quhatsovmever yovr (l) vill scharg me, and becauss robart schot hes dreffin<sup>8</sup> me this tway monyth for ovtgeffin of fover pessis<sup>9</sup> of evyidentis, I trest your (l) vill labour him for this ane peiss, quhilkis is the infetment of the landis of loch, gef my confirmacion stykis tharin; or odervess to causs Jemis get me it ovt of auld regestar. and quhat athir of thai gredis may be plessit forsamekill panis yovr (l) vill pless to satefy, quhilkis salbe thankfully redressit; for I knav ther is na courtasy to be gotten at thar handis, bot for gravityte it vill pless your (l) to resayf my scharttovr<sup>10</sup> agan of the landis to be confermit, and keip sovir,<sup>6</sup> for I desyr nocht it var to creyf<sup>11</sup> agan; for yovr (l) ounderstandis the natovr and constansy of the voman. attovr it

<sup>1</sup> Precious.<sup>2</sup> Lost.<sup>3</sup> Name.<sup>4</sup> That.<sup>5</sup> Written "many."<sup>6</sup> Sure.<sup>7</sup> ? Fervent.<sup>8</sup> Delayed.<sup>9</sup> Pieces.<sup>10</sup> Charter.<sup>11</sup> Crave.

vill pless your (l) persayf the form of the blanche charttoor. althoycht I na vay mynd to vork be that vay, as your (l) may persayf. of egerness the xii of marche. Be youris (l) avin at outter pover.

Mocherovm.

The deit of the infetament of mocherowm for seking of the avld regestar Is "apud edinbrocht tarsio dei<sup>1</sup> mensis apprellis ano domini melisimo quadragesimo septovaygesimo nono et regni nostro desimo nono."

To the right honorabill and his speciall Lord  
of our souerane lordis session and lard  
of barnbarroch.

Letter from LORD BOYD to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
13th April 1578.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendationnis, this to adverteis your (l) that the mastiris of the college of glescow is persewand mastir archebald betoun, commisser of this toun, for reduction of ane nyntene yeir tak that he hes of the teind schawis<sup>2</sup> of the parsonage of gowane, quhilk tak is selit and subcryvit be the parsone of gowane, togidir with the commoun seill and the subcriptionnis of the mast part of the chanonnis of glescow, and is in peciable possessioun be virtew of this instant tak, and wther takis precidand, thir mony yeris bigane without ony molestation. gyf his tak be reducit for the causses contenit in the lybell, thair is nane in Scotland will be suir of the tak of ony teyndis. Heirfor I will mast hartlie pray your (L) to be ane helpper, that he may haif justeice, and that na wrang be done to him, As your (l) will do me syngular plesor; for, gyf the said tak be reducit, the grittest hurt will be myne, becaus I ame maid assyngnay thaironto; the birar heiroy will mair amplie declair your (L) the merettis of the caus, thairfor I will nocht trubill your (L) with langar letter at the present, bot, gyf your (L) haif ado, ye sall find me alls radie to do yow plessor, as I ame desyrus at this tyme of the same. this committis your

<sup>1</sup> *Tertio die.*

<sup>2</sup> Sheaves.



(L) to the protection of almyty god. of glescow, the xiii day of appryll, 1578.—Your (l) assurit freind at power,

A. boyd.

To the rycht hono<sup>1</sup> and my traist  
freind The laird of Barnbarroch  
ane of the senatoris of the college of  
Justeice.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 16th April 1578.

I haif writing sundry and diuers tymes to yow, and ewir at your awin dessyir apouon promiss maid to this berar, as he sais, and siklyk apouon promissis maid to me apouon your awin hand wryit, quhilk I haif to schaw, and newir thing kepit to me, bot drifis tyme wyth me as I wor ane sclaf.<sup>1</sup> I assuir yow as ye handill me It is my part, geif I mycht do yow displeseir, to schaw the sam. I wil wryit na forther at this present, assuiring yow and<sup>2</sup> I get my promissis fulfillit to me at this tyme, as I haif writing, this salbe the Last fawarable writing that ewir I think to wryit to yow, and sall do that thing that Lyis in my power to your disawantage. It is ane sair mater to me to tyne<sup>3</sup> my fryndis, sell my land for half nocht, and syne thig<sup>4</sup> the payment of It. I haif send this berar to yow to resaif the compleit payment for the landis of apilbe, as ye promisit to haif maid me compleit payment In hand In , eftir the makin of the sickarnes; quhilk securite I send yow at your awin dewyis, and conforme to your awin writing, at the dessyir of the quhilk I send yow. and now, as the berar informis me, ye mak difficulte to mak me payment, sayand the lard of Lochinwar, and the lard of crachlaw, hes rasaut writing fra patrik flemyng that the flemyngis sall still<sup>5</sup> wyth the benefice. quhat haif I do wyth that? for my rycht will defend the sell,<sup>6</sup> for It is weil confermit. And in lyik maner thair is this reuertion, and that reuertion, I wuld ye suld fynd sum wthir schift to hald my siluer fra me

<sup>1</sup> Slave.

<sup>2</sup> And I get, for "if I get not."

<sup>3</sup> Lose.

<sup>4</sup> Beg.

<sup>5</sup> Style.

<sup>6</sup> Sale.

nor thai wayne<sup>1</sup> allegans, for trewle I menit na thing towartis yow, bot that thing that wes trew. I maye say now that I haif nocht handillit my self wyisle,<sup>2</sup> as It is trew In deed, bot newir the les as occatioun seruit, geif I proffeit nocht my self, I can weil hinder yow. this far I wryit to yow for my awin part. as concernyng the awidens, thai haif beyn in edinbrut this xv dayis In my sonis hand, the prior of blantiris, and thai wilbe deliuerit, or ellis the wyit<sup>3</sup> wilbe in your self; and falling thair of this berar wil deliuer yow the lettiris of hornyng as ye dissyir; bot I haif send this berar to caus trawell sum wthir waye, quhairby al thingis sall cum agen pleseir and fryndschip, quhilk hes beyn my study In gud fayth this half yeir, suppois It be litill my commoun, tharfor It sall stand in your awin hand and al thingis cum nocht.<sup>4</sup> I will nocht truble yow with Langer lettir, sua committis yow to god. from daildowe, xvi of appryill, 1578.—be youris at power,

Johne of mynto kyt.

To my wareye gud Lord  
the lard of barnbarroch.

Receipt for Sir PATRICK WAUS's house rent in Edinburgh,  
7th June 1578.

I Neill Laying, keper of oure soverane Lordis signet, tutor to patrik turnet, sone to patrik turnet, burges of edinburgh, be the tenor hei of grantis me to haif ressaut the sovme of fiftene pund usuall money of this realme fra ane nobill Lord, maister patrik waus of barnbarrocht, ane of the senatoris of the college of iustice. And that for the witsoundayis terme last bipast, of the hous maill of the said patrikis, quhilk the said maister patrik now occupiis; Off the quhilk sovme I hald me weil content and payit, And therfoir dischargeis the said Lord of the samyn for now and evir be this present acquittance. Subscrivit

<sup>1</sup> Vain.

<sup>2</sup> Wisely.

<sup>3</sup> Blame.

<sup>4</sup> Suppose you do not owe much (for my trouble) you shall fix the amount yourself, if all things do not end right.

with my hand At edinburgh, the sevint day of Junii, the yeir  
of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> threscoir aughtene yeiris. Befoir thir witnesses,  
N Laying with my hand.

Endorsed

Neill langis acquittance for the vidsonday maill of my lугyne  
In Edyr anno Lxxviij.

[Neil Lang seems to have been in good circumstances, although the rent paid to him by a judge for his lodgings for six months was £15 Scots, or 25s. In Pitcairn's "Criminal Trials," 16th December 1561, we find that William Gould was convicted of "stealing and taking furth of the purse of the spous of Neil Lang ane signet of gold, ane other signet of gold set with ane cornelian, ane gold ring set with ane great sapphire, ane other gold ring set with ane sapphire formit like ane heart, ane gold ring set with ane turquois, ane small double gold ring set with ane diamond and ane ruby, ane auld angell noble, and ane cusset ducat."]

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 17th June 1578.

My Lord, Efter maist hartlie commendation, forsamekill as ye know that I haif kepit as yit all the haill dyettis, quhilkis vere apointit to me be our iudgis, quhilk as your L may know hes beine verray sumtuus<sup>1</sup> vnto me, and my vnkill;<sup>2</sup> for ne man supportit the present necessety at tymes but his Lo, albeit that ye did the rest in galloway. as to my lady argyll sho dois nothing to the purpois, and seing that our matter as I vnderstand is in guid estate, and near ane end, I vald vishe that the causs vere nocht Left now. as for my awin part, I haif done quhat I can; mair I fear that som ar tyrit of their part, becauss they see nocht matteris gang hestelie frindlie. your Lo may know quhat I meane, for my meaning is of them quha hes maist mentenit our action, for they haif mekill ado, and they thinkis that they, quha intendis to get the profit of that living,

<sup>1</sup> Sumptuous.

<sup>2</sup> Uncle, ? the Earl of March.

suld do their part in helping me sa farre as they mycht, quhill I mycht get my awin to releve them, and recompenss tham; therefor your Lo man apardon me that I can nocht keip this present dyet, quhilk is the xxx day of this instant, for I haif it nocht, as ye knaw, and friendis thinkis they haif done anewch. alwayes gif your Lo culd or wuld find one<sup>1</sup> ithir vay that I mycht haif fourtei pundis mony, I vald gif yow my obligation apoun the same, and vther siluer, quhilk ye haif debursit in my name; and your lo to be ansurit of the reddiest fruitis of that living. and gif ye think that ye may do it, or vill promis the sam, I vill cum, for I vill mak it plaine that I davor nocht cum their for fear that I be trublit for dett, and so mekill mony vill serve the turne, and I to awaitt upon our matteris. vdervyss your Lo vald nocht that I suld be schamit. nocht villing to trubill yor (lo) witht proluxit Letter, but for the present comitis yow to the protection of god. pleis your lo to resawe the £200 togither vitht the indorsation, and gif ye think it nocht sufficient, ye may mend it as ye think guid. from Stirling, the xvii day of June. and your Lo answer witht the berar.—Your assurit freind,

Robert commendator of quithorn.

To my guid Lord  
and speciall freind  
Laird of barnbarroch.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 29th June 1578.

Eftir al hartlie commendatioun, I haif send this berar to speik wyth yow concerning the credit, as he allegis, gewin be yow to him to declair onto me In your last lettir, and father to dissyir yow to schaw me fawir and gudnes, as I sall do to yow and youris efter my power. I wil praye yow, for ane<sup>1</sup> pleseir that I dow do to yow, that ye wil send me the hundryth merkis, quhilkis ye promisit to me for appilbe, and rasaif ane discharge of ane hundryth pundis for the sam, as ye dissyirit this berar to caus me mak efter your awin dissyir. And father I am content,

<sup>1</sup> Ony, any.

according to the dissyir of your awin writing writin to me of edinbrut the tent of Juin, that ye haf the Last foir hundryth pundis for the payment of foir hundryth merkis, sua I get the payment schortlie. for I haif ado wyth It, and is lyik to haif mair schortlie; quhairfor I praye yow, for ane<sup>1</sup> pleseir that ewir I ma do for yow, that ye wil send me the siluer, and ane ansur schortlie for the rest. and (ony) pleseir I ma schaw yow agayne ye sall knaw the sam, for your requeist salbe ane command to me. And wthirwais, geif ye wil schaw me exstryme rigour, I can not mend It, bot beir wyth It againis my will. this I dout nocht bot ye wil schaw me this mekil fawir, In caice ye wor nocht addettit to me. I wil not truble yow wyth Langer lettir, sua committis your L to god. ffrom daildowe the pennult of Juin 1578.—be youris at his powir,

Johne Steward of mynto.

To My wareye gud  
Lord the lard of  
barnbarrocht.

Letter from JOHN DUNCANSON to Mr PATRICK WAUS,  
6th July 1578.

Rycht honorabyll, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun, I recevet your vretten vpon satterday at evin, ye fyft of this instant, and this day I spak robert carvoer, quha hes foure stanis alradie wrocht, and says that he can nocht haif the rest radie quhill september. he wyll nocht grant to gywe the pece of the stanis wrocht onder sexten schillingis, and besyd the ten picturis thair man be ane wther stane for your armes, quhilk he will nocht grant to work onder fourtie schillingis. gyf ye be contentet of thir prices, advertiss me with possebyll diligens, that I may cause to provyd for ma stanis, and the sam to be hestit sa soun as he may. gyf ye wyll nocht haif your armes vpon a stane be them self I sall cause hym to mak your armes vpon ane pictur, and your ladeis vpon ane vther, and quhow son he sall send for them, I sall advertise yow at my cuming in galloway,

<sup>1</sup> Any.



quhilk wylbe god wylling schortlie efter the parliament. gyf ye be content with the prices of the stanis, ye sall send fourtie schillingis in erlfe,<sup>1</sup> and I sall be diligent to hest him to wark, that all may be radie afoir your tenentis end thair hervest, and be abyll to travell for them. As for newes, thair ar nane presentlie wtheris than the quhilk are comvne. I pray yow cause haif my sylver redie againis my cumming in the cuntrie; I wyll get letteris, as I beleif, to be anseret of tua hundreth markis for this yere. I beleif that ye wyll cause me to be foirderet, as ye sall haif me radie to do yow pleser quhan ye sall command. remitting wther thingis to meting, with your nixt aduertisment, efter my hartlie commendatioun to your Ladie, I commit yow to the protectioun of the eternal. fra sterling, the sext day of Julij, 1578.—Youris in the Lord,

Jhon Duncansone.

To the rycht honorabyll M<sup>r</sup>  
patrik waus of barnbaro<sup>t</sup>.

[It seems from this letter that the Laird of Barnbarroch was then making some improvements on the mansion house, and that he was getting stones hewn at or near Stirling by Robert Carvoer (or the carver), which were to be ready to be carried thence by the tenants after harvest.

[That house was pulled down exactly two hundred years afterwards in 1778, and the present house erected on the same site, over the front door of which an old carving of the Waus arms, of the date 1433, was inserted, but there is no trace or record of the picture stones here mentioned.]

Letter by Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th July 1578.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I haif rasauit your L letter wyth the forme of ane contrak In maner of ane discharg, quhilk is gud enwcht, sua the sowm wer aggreit apon. Quhair your L writis to caus meit yow in mayeboll on sondaye be viij houris, that salbe wyth godisgrace performit for this

<sup>1</sup> ? Arle fee.

tyme, quhilk is twelf tyme, for the payment of a hundryth merkis; And quhair yowr L writis that ye sal deliuer ane hundryth merkis and mair, allaiice, my lord, at schort, geif your L wil geif me conforme to your writing, I sal satesfye your L dessyir. geif your L will nocht do sua, Lat It stand our quhil ywill<sup>1</sup> or thairby, and than I onderstand your L wilbe resolut wyth your self, and so wil I or than;<sup>2</sup> for in gud fayth I am ane trew playne man, And wil na wais gang with your L. forther this berar wil schaw yow, quhom to ye wil pleis gif credit. I wil nocht truble your L furthir, bot committis yow in the protectioun of god. from daildowe, this xij off Julij 1578.—be your L at power,

Johne Steward off mynto ky<sup>t</sup>.

To my waraye gud lord  
the lard of Barnbarrocht.

Letter from JOHN, LORD MAXWELL, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 30th August 1578.

Honorable Sir, eftir my hartlie commendatiounis, I haue resavit lettres fra my Lord regentis grace, declaring it is aggreit betuix his grace and the Lord of Huntington,<sup>3</sup> the quene of englandis president at York, anent daye of merche,<sup>4</sup> to be generallie keipit at all the thre merches, upon the xij daye of Septimber nixtocum. And according to the same I and the Lord scrope hes be our several lettres appoyntit to keip the said daye at graitna kyrk, for taking and geving redress; quhairfor I will effectuuslie desyre yow, with your kyn, freindis, and servandis, in maist substantious and warlyke maner, to be in the toun of annand be aucht houris befor nowne for keeping of the said daye of merche, according to my Lord regentis grace command; and that ye cum with sic strenth as ye may, becaus (as I am informit) england menis to be veray stark. This nocht doutting that ye will do the same, as ye tendir the honour of

<sup>1</sup> Yule.

<sup>3</sup> *Sic* in original, ? Lord Hunsdon.

<sup>2</sup> Before then.

<sup>4</sup> March, or Border.

the realme and commonweill of this cuntre. Off Lochmaben castell, the penult of august 1578.<sup>1</sup>—Your assurit freind,

Jhon L maxwell.

To the rycht honorable  
the Laird of barnbarroch.

Letter signed PENNYGLEN,<sup>2</sup> 6th September 1578.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun, forsomeikle that I am informit that hew of barquhone is riddin in galloway to the effect to contract his sone in marage with your dochter,<sup>3</sup> with the quhilk, me lord, I wald wyss your (l) wer weill aduysit thair-with; for I wald nocht wit your (l) to be ony wayis in faut, in respect of the bluid bayth of your (l) self, and your wyfis: for I am informit he will contract heritage, as he allegis to be sure, quhilk your (l) at lenth will nocht find, as I sall declair and lat your (l) ken ane certentie at meting. farther, me lord, your (l) sall nocht beleif that I vryt this aduertysment to yow for ony particular invy betuix hew and me, bot onlie for the luif and fauour I beir to your (l), as ye sall assuritlie knaw at meting of thingis of gret consiqwenss, bayth schamefull and odious. referring the rest to your (l) aduertysment. of kyllochand, saxt day of this instant, be your (l) kynsman To be commandit at all pouer, with my hartlie commendationis to your (l) bedfallow, my ant.<sup>4</sup> pennyglen.

[The address is torn off.]

[Barnbarroch now betroths another daughter, Grissell, to John, eldest son of Hew Kennedy of Barwhanny. This Hew was a brother of Gilbert, third Earl of Cassillis, and second cousin to Sir Patrick. He was also uncle to Sir Patrick's second wife,

<sup>1</sup> This date should be 1575. It is indistinct in the original.

<sup>2</sup> Pennyglen was probably a Kennedy. The field of Pennyglen, in the parish of Maybole, where there was a fight between the Kennedys of Cassillis and Bargany, is mentioned in the "Description of Carrick," by Mr William Abercummie.

<sup>3</sup> The marriage contract between John, son of Hew Kennedy of Barwhanny, and Sir Patrick's daughter Grissell, is dated 9th September 1578.

<sup>4</sup> If she was his aunt he must have been a son of the Earl of Cassillis or of Sir Thomas Kennedy, her brothers, or of Lady Orkney, her sister.

whom he married in 1573. This Grissell was not the third daughter, for, in a subsequent contract, Janet is called his third daughter; she was probably the second of the first marriage, in which case she might possibly be fifteen years old, for the marriage was to be solemnised in the following month. She was left a widow in a few years, and married, secondly, John M'Dowall of Logan, as appears by an obligation given by them on 16th May 1589, of which a summary is here given.]

Marriage Contract between GRISSELL WAUS and JOHN  
KENNEDY, 9th September 1578.

At barnbarrache the nynt day of September in the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lx auchtene yeiris It is appointit, concordit, finalie endit and aggreit, betuix the rycht honorabill Mr Patrik Waus of Barnbarrache and Grissell Waus his lauchtfull dochtir, acceptand and taikand the burding in and vpone him for hir, promittand ferme and stabill for hir, on the ane part, and Hew Kennedy of Barquhony and Johne Kennedy his sone and appeirand air, acceptand and taikand the burding in and vpone him on the vther pairt, in maner forme and effect as eftir followis. That is to say the said Johne sall godwilling mary and to wyff tak the said Grissell, and compleit the band of matrimony with hir in face of haly kirk and Christis congregatioun, betuix the dayt heiroyf and the sext day of October nixtocum: and the said Hew sall infest the saidis Johne and Grissell his spous, the langer levare of thame twa in coniunct feftment in hir virginitie, and the airis maill lauchtfullie to be gottin betuix thame, quhilkis failzeing to returne to the said Hew and his airis male, etc. etc., in all and hail the foure merkland of Camquhart and foure merkland of Arechaisane of auld extent with the pertinentis lyand within the parochin of Longcastell and sheref dome of Wigtoun, to be haldin of our souerane lord the Kingis grace and his succesouris superioris thairof be confirmatioun to be sped and rasit vpone the said Maister Patrikis and Hewis equall expensis and chargeis, and sall warrand the samin fra all wardis, coniunct feis, ladyis terceis, and vtheris inconuenientis quhatsumevir,

Reserwand the mvlturis thairof and Knaifischip to the said Hewis myln of Lytill areis during thair lyftimes conforme to vse and wont: and sall gif thame with the saidis landis of Camquhart and Arechassane four sufficient drawand oxin, fourty bollis of aittis, and four bollis of beir, with the haill stray that growis on the four merkland of the Camquhart, or ellis the foirsaid four merkland of the Camquhart maid reid to the happar<sup>1</sup> in place of the stray. And the said Hew sall warrand the saidis landis to be worth be yeir threscoyr bollis wictuall and twenty pundis of siluer during thair lyftimes: and als the said Hew sall relief the wodsettis presentlie thairvpone. To witt etc., etc. And the said Hew sall gif in claussis of varrandice to the saidis Johne and Grissell sasing and infeftment in the ten merkland of Barquhony for twenty bollis of meill in case the saidis landis of Camquhart and Arechassane be nocht worth threscoyr bollis of wictuall and twenty pundis of silver, and the oxin and seid sall remane with the landis of Camquhart during thair lyftimes. Provyding alwais that the saidis Johne and Grissell sall na intromissioun with the landis of Camquhart and Arechassane for the space of thre yeiris nixt eftir the dayt heiroyf, except only twenty bollis of meill yeirlie to be tane up be the saidis Johne and Grissell in ony place quhair the said Hew will appoint thame odir in Galloway or Carrik to furneis thameselfis claythis. Mairattour it is aggreit betuix the saidis parteis that gif the said Hew plesis to sustene the saidis Johne and Grissell, their barnis, seruandis, and hors, in meit and drink eftir the ische of yeiris, that he sall haif the haill proffitis of Arechassane and twenty pvundis; and the saidis Johne and Grissell to haif the intromissioun of Cumquhart to sustene thame claythis and purssis onlie. ffordar [the father to infest his son in all his lands, reserving his own liferent, and usual formal clauses]. In witnes of the quhilk thing bayth the saidis parteis hes subscriuit this present appointment with thair handis as followis, day yeir and place foirsaidis, befor thir witnessis, Maister William McGavine commissar of Wigtowne, Sir Harbert Andirsone vicar of Kultoun,

<sup>1</sup> Happer, a vessel made of straw, for carrying grain to the sower. Therefore, "made reid to the happer," prepared for sowing.



notar publict, and Paull Dunbar, with vtheris diuerssis. (Sic subscribitur) Mr Patrick Waus off Barnbarrache wyth my hand, Hew Kennedy of Barquhone wyth my hand, John Kennedy with my hand.

Obligation by GRISSELL WAUS, and JOHN M'DOWELL, and  
GEORGE CAMPBELL, 16th May 1589.

Obligation by Grissell Waus relict of the late John Kennedy of Barquhone, Johne M'Dowell of Logan her future spouse for his interest, and George Campbell in Logan, each of them and the said George as taking burden for the said John, binding themselves, notwithstanding any exonerations in the contract of marriage between Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarache Knight and the said Grissell on one part, and the said John and George on the other, of this date, to pay all small debts, etc., due by the said late John Kennedy to an amount not exceeding 200 merks, and shall warrant his executors to that extent, because the above Sir Patrick is obliged, as tutor to William Kennedy son and heir of the said John, to give to the said Grissell a sufficient discharge of her intromissions; And farther the said parties bind themselves to deliver to the said William Kennedy all heirship goods intromitted with by them. With clause of registration. Dated at Maybole 16th May 1589. John Kennedy of Balterssane, John Baird of Kilquhonye, John M'Quorne minister at Stratoun and James Ros in Maybole, witnesses.

(Signed) Johne M'Dowell of Logane  
The other two sign by  
the hand of Gilbert Ros  
notary.

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whit-  
horn, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 30th September 1578.

My Lord, Efter maist hartlie commendation, Haffand oportu-  
nety of this berar, I thogth guid to remember your Lo that,  
vitht the advyss of my Lord presdent, our summondis suld be

raisit against the xx<sup>4</sup> of october, to heir and se the decreit givin in the action of quhitthorn, quhilk hes sa lang dependit; therefore guid it vere that ether your selfe, or sum vder traist freind quha fauoris our action, suld be in edinbrugtht befor the said day. best it vere that our traist freind master Robert Stewart, brother germaine to the Lard of minto, sall be imploit in this action, in respect that he vas at the begining of the sam, and can informe the clarkis and men of law of the haille matter as it standis; therefore I vill desyr your Lo that ye vill furneis him of samekill as ye sall think meit for that purpois, and quhat that ye bestow apon him and that causs ye sall be alss suir of peement as ye sall devyss. and gif my opinion had bene followit the matter had tain an end or now. Ye vatt quhat I meane. nocht villing to truble yow vitht prolixit Letter, but refferis credit to the berar; committing your Lo to the protection of god. from glaskow, the last day of september.—Your Lo assurit freind, Robert commendator of quhitthorn.

To his traist freind  
Laird of Barnbarrach.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 28th October 1578.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I haif spokin wyth willam steward, quha schawis me that he hes spokin wyth your L in carriik, and he maid me to onderstand that your L had apuntit him to meit your L in edinbrucht the xviii daye of october, and thair to resaif ane hundryth merkis, and me to send yow ane acquittans of ane hundryth pundis, quhilk I did. And now I can nocht be the wyisar of his ansur, for I haif send xiiij tymis for rasaing of that hundryth merkis, and at euere tyme I rasaif ane sindry ansur of him, quhilk ansur I am assurit your L hes newir (gevin) to him, for I knaw yow to occupy the parte of ane man of honour. Quhairfor I haif send this berar to knaw your forthir mynd In wryit, quhat I sall lippin to. forthir I wil be mere<sup>1</sup> wyth your L. thair wes anis<sup>2</sup> ane man,

<sup>1</sup> Merry.

<sup>2</sup> Once.

and he cum and askit almus<sup>1</sup> at ane bischop, and he dissyirit the bischop to geif him a plak, or a penny; and he wald geif him nayne, and syne the puir man dissyirit him, geif he wald geif him na mair, to geif him his blissing, and swa the bischop tuik up his hand, and gaif his blissing, the puir man ansurit and said he wald nocht haif It, for geif It had bein worth a plak, or a penny, he wald nocht haif gottin It. And sua, my lord, geif I can haif na mair of yowr L, I man praye your L that I ma haif the namis of the occupyaris of the Land, and that maister Johne, and sic wthiris as I will appoint, ma haif inspek-tioun of my awidens, quhair apon I ma forme ane libell apon the tenentis; for I purpois to persew tham sen the dait of my sessing quhill my disposetioun of the sam to yow. And this I dout nocht bot ye will do, becaus It will nodor tak plak nor penny furth of your purs; and I assuir your L my cousing sal nowdir cummir carrik nor galloway agayne In my bessynes. I dout nocht bot your L will send me ane ansur wyth this berar, and thairefter your L sall nocht be forther trublit agayne with me, bot as the Law wil permit; and god haif your L in his keiping. of glesgo, this xxviij of october, 1578.

be youris at power Johne  
steward mynto knycht.

To my waraye gud  
Lord, the lard off  
barinbarroch.

Letter from KATHERINE STEWART, LADY GARLIES,  
probably October 1578.

Me Lord, eftir hartlie commendatiounne, forsamekle as Mr robert steward hes beyn at me, schawand me that he is to pas to edinburt to fortefie the pley of quhitthorne, and hes beyn suddand silvyr on me and my lord; ye knaw I haif lettlie delyuerit sum silvir to your (l), quhairffoir I am nocht veill boddin<sup>2</sup> at this present, bot gif it var your pleser to gif the foirte pundis to Mr robert to help the mater, sen your (l) is not able to travell

<sup>1</sup> Alms.

<sup>2</sup> Bodin, provided.

your self, quhilk I am verray sorie<sup>1</sup> foir. Sua nocht haiffing  
ferther occation, bot committis your (l) to god. from the clarie  
this settirday.—Youris at hyr vter power,

Dame katherne Stewart  
lady garleiss.

[The address is cut off.]

Letter by Sir PATRICK WAUS to his Brother, Mr ROBERT STEWART, Burgess of Whithorn, 2d November 1578.

Brother, efter my hartlie commendationis, I haif resauit your  
lettre, And hes considerit the effect thair of, And thinkis ye do  
very veill in traveling with my Lord of quhithorne,<sup>2</sup> as ye do;  
And douttis nocht bot, geif ye conteneu in the sam, bot ye will  
bring that pley to end. seing my leg is sair now, thair is nane  
to travell with my Lord in that causs bot only ye, And thairfor  
ye man be the mair deligent quhill the samen tak ane end. as  
anent the siluer ye wret for to my Lord, ye sell resaif ane  
wretting to my wyfe, quha wilbe this nixt tyesday god willing  
in ed<sup>r</sup>, And sell nocht faill to delyuer fourte<sup>3</sup> pund to my Lord  
and yow, as ye haif wrettin; And geif I wer present my lord  
suld nocht want, quhat scheift that eur we mad; And wer  
nocht I haif sen away yeistirday to Dumfreice four scoir and  
ten pundis to pay for ane horss, quhilk is cumin out of ingland  
to me, I wald haif sen mair siluer to my lord nor he resaivis at  
this present, bot instantlie I can nocht better it. I will pray  
yow, geif ye get your decreit with yow, that ye will nocht faill  
with all deligence that samen day to haist ane to me, for that is  
newis I wald be rycht glad of, And sell pay the boyis wage.  
the rest I refer to your wisdome, And god keip yow. And as  
anent my sair leg,<sup>4</sup> the samen is better nor ye left it, and aganis  
my lo[rdis] uming bo]<sup>5</sup> the samen wilbe haill aneuche

<sup>1</sup> Sorry.

<sup>2</sup> Lord Robert Stewart, Commendator of Whithorn.

<sup>3</sup> See letter 17th June 1578, and the preceding letter.

<sup>4</sup> In the Book of Sederunt is the following entry, under date 19th December 1578: "Mr Patrick Vause of Barnbarroch excused because of the notoriety of the soreness and infirmitie of his legs."

<sup>5</sup> Paper gone.

god willing. (ffrom)e mayboill, the secund day of novembre,  
1578.—Be

Youris rycht assurit at all  
powar on the awll maner  
Barnbarrache.

To my speciall brother maister  
robert stewart<sup>1</sup> burges of  
quhitterne.

Letter from the COUNTESS OF CASSILLIS to her Daughter,  
LADY BARNBARROCH, 13th November 1578.

Dochtir, eftir my maist hartlie commendationes, ye sall wit that James Kennadie wes schawand me anent the grayth that ye suld by to me. And as for the velvet to be my clowik,<sup>2</sup> ye sall by it of the velvett that is grundit with velvett, siclyk as my doublatt and my skirt is, that ye ken I haif. I would haif it of the flassone of that (with ane small champ<sup>3</sup>), and ye sall Lyn it with conyngis;<sup>4</sup> and as anent the furring of mertrix,<sup>5</sup> I sall send yow word with yowr gudman quhat I will do anent that.

And as for my braislattis,<sup>6</sup> ye sall gar mak thame with ane Lok, and mak thame playne. And as for my taiblatt,<sup>7</sup> ye sall gar mak it of the best fassone ye can speir, and se that thair be ane just dyackle<sup>8</sup> in it. James Kennadie wes schawand me ye suld haif gevin thre pundis for ane peirle; I will get ane peirle bettir chaip at hayme. And for my wylecoit<sup>9</sup> of furring, I pray yow haif it to me alss sone as ye may. And wryt to me quhat ye geif for It. and ye sall gar put In fyne muist in to my tablatt. I ordanit to haif send yow silver, bot I can send yow nayne quhill ye wryt to me quhat every thing will coist, as I ordanit yow to do. And I wauld ye gart waile me ane Laycht<sup>10</sup> bed, lyk the bed that I wes speikand to yow of, for I

<sup>1</sup> Is this the brother-german to the Laird of Minto, named in Lord Robert Stewart's letter of 30th September 1578?

<sup>2</sup> Cloak.

<sup>3</sup> Pattern.

<sup>4</sup> Rabbits.

<sup>5</sup> Marten.

<sup>6</sup> Bracelets.

<sup>7</sup> Apron.

<sup>8</sup> Meaning not known.

<sup>9</sup> Petticoat.

<sup>10</sup> Low.



wes telland yow of the fassone of it, gif ye be ramemberit, quhen ye war heir. I can wryt na ferder to yow anentis thir thingis quhill your nixt aduertissment. As for yowr gud man, he mendis weill, and is at ane gud estait. send me ane memoriall quhat everything coistis, that I may send yow the siluer, for I will send yow nayne quhill ye send me new aduertissment agane; and how sone I get your aduertissment I sall do thaireftir. I wauld ye wrait to me gif I may get alss mony mertrix as to Lyn ane gowne, and the pryce thairrof. Referring all uthir thingis to new aduertissment, and swo committis yow to the protectioun of god. off mayboile, the xiiij of november 1578.—Youris mother,

Margaret,

C of cassilis.

farther sen the writting heirop I spak with James Kennedy, quha schew me ye saw ane skirt of the presidentis wyfis of stufe callit rammage, very propir and mekill usit; quhairfoir ye sall by my cloik of the samen, and that it be of the finest sort, and maist propir schamp ye can find. als geif thre libs for the bed, geif ye can haif it na bettir chaip, and I sall causs bring it hame my self. And as for the peirle to put vpone my taiblat, gif ye can get it for xLss or Lss<sup>1</sup> tak it, vthirways nocht. As for all vthir thingis ye haif ado, do thairin eftir your awin discretioun, And send me ane memoriall of all thingis quhat thai coist, as is foirsaid; and as to tak travell to se thame boycht, and put to thair awin vse; I will put yow to thai painss, for I think it aneucht, and send me perfynt anser with this boy of all thingis.

To my dochtyr  
of Barinbarraycht.

[The writer of this letter was Margaret, widow of Gilbert, third Earl of Cassillis, and daughter to Kennedy of Bargany.]

Receipt by Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto,  
15th November 1578.

I, Johne Steward of mynto knycht be the tenor heirop grantis

<sup>1</sup> Forty shillings or fifty shillings.

me to haif rasaut fra the handis and deliuerans of ane honorable man, master patrik waus of barnbarrauche, ane of the senatouris of our soweran Lordis sessioun, the sowm of ane hundrycht pundis, gud and wswal mony of this realm, In part of payment of ane gritter sowm, conform to ane contrak maid betuix the said maister patrik and me of the daittis at edinbrucht and daildowe the xxviii of Januar Lxxiiij, as at mair lentht is contenit wythin the said contrak. Quhilk sowm of ane hundryth pundis mony forsaid suld nocht haif beyne payit to me be the said master patrik, quhill the end of the ple of quhithorne betuix Lord robert steward and william flemying and forte dayis thairefter. Quhilk sowm of ane hundryth pundis rasaut be me In maner foirsaid I grant me weil content and payit, and dischargis the said maister patrik, his airis, executouris, and assingnais, be this my hand wryit, subscriuit wyth my hand at daildowe, the xv daye of nowymber 1578, befoir thir witnes, william steward, archebald woddrip, mathew fishar, wyth wtheris diuersis,

Johne Steward of  
Mynto knyecht.

Endorsed

The layrde of myntois  
acqtance 1574.

[The following letter is by Sir Thomas Lyon of Auldbar, the Master of Glammis, who is famous for having said to James VI. at the time of the Raid of Ruthven (22d August 1582), "Better bairns weep nor bearded men." After being banished, he was restored to favour in 1585, and made High Treasurer of Scotland; and at his death, about 1595, King James VI. said that the boldest and hardiest man in his dominions was dead. His brother, Lord Glammis, was Chancellor of Scotland, and brother-in-law to the Earl of Cassillis; and from December 1576 till his death, on 17th March 1577-8, was tutor of Cassillis. This letter may refer to the transactions of 28th October and 5th November 1574—see *antea*, pp. 91, 92.]

Letter from THOMAS LYON of Baldowkie to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 11th December 1578.

My Lord, eftir my veray hartly commendatioun, I haif

ressaut yowr lettre, desyring me in my vmquhile brother place to deliver yow sum silver and sylver veschell, randerit to my vmquhill brother,<sup>1</sup> and James arbuthnet in his name, I haif spokin James Arbuthnet thairanent, quha hes schawin to me that your (L) ressaut the takkis of sum rowmes in gailoway fra my Lord for the same, quha haid thair ryght to dispone the samyn.<sup>2</sup> Notheles I mynd to send for James Arbuthnot, and sall knaw ferther thairin. As also I man lat your L onderstand that nather the silver veschell, nor silver, come neuir in my handis, bot vthirwayes wes alterit befor my lord, my vmquhile brotheris, departing.<sup>3</sup> Notheles I send for James arbuthnet, quha knawis the secreit thairof. I salbe willing to do your L in thim thingis, as becumis me, to your L ressonabill contentment, and sua nocht willing to cummer your L at this present with langer lettre, I commit your L to god. off Dunglass, this xi of Decembir, 1578.—Be youris Lo at powar

Thomas lyonn off  
badowkey.<sup>4</sup>

To the rycht honorabill  
My Lord of barnberrotht.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th December 1578.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioune, I haif rasaut your L lettir daittit at edinbrucht the xxvi of nowymber, quahar your L dissyiris to knaw and wnderstand quha wes the speikaris to me that I had doun ewil that sauld my landis to yow for half nocht, and mycht haif gottin the awaill of tham fra wtheris my fryndis, my lord, as to that, ye mister nocht now to cair quhat thai speik, for ye ar past that danger. I think ewill ene<sup>5</sup> waye to mwf<sup>6</sup> your L to angir, or to saw dispice betuix yow and your nychtbouris. I wrait to yow afoir, and schew that thai suld

<sup>1</sup> Lord Glammiss.

<sup>2</sup> As tutor of Cassillis.

<sup>3</sup> On 17th March 1577-8.

<sup>4</sup> Baldowie. As this is written, the loop of the *d* is drawn over the *a*, so as to serve also as a mark of contraction for *n*, and that is often substituted for *l*.

<sup>5</sup> Any.

<sup>6</sup> Move.

haif beyn baith your freynd and myne, geif thai suld ramember ane kindnes. I heir that the mater hes mowit be willam gordoun and the gud man of bawcleye, bot al this is na mater. quhat rek of the saying of it? It is not spokin to me, bot It is spokin to ane freynd of myne quha hes declarit me the sam. as to the pleser that ye wald knaw, now ye mister na thing that I can dow to yow, for all dangeris is past. I assure yow and I fynd your freyndschip constant towartis me, I sal schaw yow al the pleseir that I dow, and sal nocht cair the spekin of maister Johne dowglas, the gudman of bawcleye, willam gordoun nor the Lard of garles himself. I will nocht condissend at this time mair specialie, bot ye will knaw forther efterwartis, In that and al wthir thingis that I ma pleseir yow wyth all. as to the libelling of my summondis aganis the tenentis, suppois I gat ane commissioun to the prioris balyeis, yit the summondis man be libellit be master Johne,<sup>1</sup> for he knawis the ordir best quhow thai thingis man be usit, quhairto your help and supple is mekil requirit; for the mater will redound to yowr profite als weill to myne at lenth; quhairfor now I haif writing to master Johne<sup>1</sup> to mak the forme of the libell be your L awyis, now quhen ye ar thair present, and hes the awidens to lat him awyis wyth; for I purpos to begin In Januar. my commissioun is direk to the young Lard of garles and his deputis. I am al redde throuch with al thingis, sua the forme of the libell wer maid redde, quhilk I praye your L stand freynd to. quhat sal I wryit forthir? I onderstand and the silver wor payit that is borrowit fra yow, I trow ye sall fynd litill fryndschip forther. keip this to your self, and as I fynd frynschip wyth yow ye sal be assurit of me, and al that I ma procur to your honour and profite. In your last lettir ye dissyirit me to send agayne wythin xx dayis, and my siluer suld be redde to geif me; and now according to the dissyir of your awin lettir I haif send this berar to knaw geif the sam be In radynes to geif me wyth freyndschip and pleseir; and geif It be nocht redde, I knaw the worst. send me your anser. Quhair your L writes that ye ar bot restand awand me thre hundryth merkis, trewlie geif ye be nocht awand

<sup>1</sup> Mr J. Sharpe.

me thre hundryth pundis, I am far in the wrang to yow, for I haif newir gewin yow ane acquittans at ene<sup>1</sup> tyme, bot I haif the dowble of the sam, and I haif allowit to yow for apilbe ane hundryth pundis for the payment of ane hundryth merkis; and siclyik now ane acquittans of ane hundryth pundis for the payment of ane hundryth merkis, the decreit being past of befor; I wait<sup>2</sup> nocht geif ye will apou your consiens tak it; alweis it salbe in your will. now ye can nocht diffar me Langer of my oxin ye promisit to me; thairfor I praye your L send your aduertisement, that I may haif my oxin, and my siluer, deliuerit to me, or ellis I man think that ye schaw me na freyndschip, nor dois nocht your awin honour, for ye can nocht apou reson dryff me of<sup>3</sup> na Langer, for In this I ma weill knaw your freyndschip. I wil nocht truble your (L) forther. committis yow to god. ffrom daildowe, this xij of december, 1578.—be your L to be commandit.

Johne off mynto knyght.

To my waraye gud  
Lord the Lard of  
barnbarraucht  
deliuer this.

Letter from WILLIAM STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 30th December 1578.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun and seruice, your lordship dissirat me to aduertis yow wyith Sir hew kenydy<sup>4</sup> quhidder ye suld prowyd for the siluer or nocht. my consell is that your lordship sall prowyd for the siluer, for quhow ewir it be, the siluer will ewir serf for the set. I assuir your lordship geif the siluer be nocht tayne fra yow, It wil be tayne fra ane wthir, and that rycht schortlie. I praye your lordship to haif the hors in radines aganis my cummyng, for he wes contentant wyth me that I come hame but<sup>5</sup> tham, considderand quhow I had spokin of befor in your namyn; for he will send

<sup>1</sup> Any.    <sup>2</sup> Wot.    <sup>3</sup> Delay, put me off.    <sup>4</sup> Of Girvan Mains.    <sup>5</sup> Without.



for tham wythin viii dayis. and god be your lordschipis kiper of glesgo, this pennult of december, 1578.

be your lordschipis to be  
commandit wyth seruice  
William Steward.<sup>1</sup>

To the rycht honorable  
the lard of barrot.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 2d January 1578-9.

My lord, eftir your awin dissyir I haif send this berar. I thank your l of your gud will, and your ansur gewin to the lard of craige. trewle It mowit newir be my gud son,<sup>2</sup> bot I knaw wthiris his fryndis, as I wrait to yow of befoir, wald fayn haif had the rowm that ye haif now; and becaus thai culd not fynd that moyen, nodir by my awin son<sup>3</sup> nor na wthir, thai can nocht wit quhat waye to rewenge tham on me. as to that kontrak that he wald craif me for, trewle be syid the payment of sax hundredryth merkis al in dowble ducattis, I purchessit to him the geft of the fyif pund land of owir moniktoun, quhilk John hammiltoun of bodwthart had in few of the abbot of pasle, quhilk payis yeirlie Lxxxii bollis of beir, and xx punds of siluer. and thair is na thing now to keip him fra It, bot onlie ane wyfis Lyifrent of Lxxv yeris; and geif this ma nocht satisfye for the rest of xi hundredryth merkis, ye sall knaw eftirwartis. yit I wyit nocht himself, bot I wyit wtheris, that haddis the mater nodir for your weill nor myne, bot wyth godis graice we sall deffye the worst. I praye yow faile nocht to send my son ane hors, geif ye be auchand him one, for It wil awail you twyis als mekill eftirwartis, as I sall Lat yow onderstand at mair lenthe. I dar nocht wryit al my mynd wyth na boddy, bot ye salbe suir I sal aduertis yow of the skayth at quhat tyme I sall persaif the sam appear; and geif one<sup>4</sup> thing appear forther, I sall send ane to yow wyth diligens, and this I assuir yow. I haif send yow ane

<sup>1</sup> Cousin referred to by Sir J. Stewart of Minto.

<sup>2</sup> Stewart of Castlemilk.

<sup>3</sup> The Prior of Blantyre.

<sup>4</sup> Any.

acquittans of the hail contrak; albeit It be nocht in gud forme, It is sufficient. yit it is sufficient, and geif it be nocht I sall mak It sufficient quhat tyme ye pleis to aduertis me. I praye yow send me your appointment quhat I sall do in my summondis aganis the tenentis; quhiddir I sall persew tham befor the seref, or geif I sall persew afoir my lordis bailye, becaus I onderstand garlis and he is nocht lyik to aggre. I am nocht certain quhilk is best, thairfor I dissyer your consell, for I trow ye will tell me trewth, be caus ye man pas that sam waye yourself. now at lynthe In gud fayth I luik for my oxin quhilk ye promisit, bot my son scornis me, and sais the gait is sa hard, that nedir his hors nor my oxin will dryf at this tyme, ye ma persaif geif thair be ane gud will borne towardis yow or me, bot yit we sall diffye tham owr to ane end, wyth godis graice. I will nocht truble your L forther quhil new occation, sua committis yow to god. from Daildowe, this secund of Januar, 1578.

be your L awin at his  
powir Johne of mynto knt.

To my waraye gud lord  
the lard of barnbarrocht.

Letter signed "MINTO YOUNGER" to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, January 1588-9.

Eftir hartle commendations vn to your (L), I heif bein faschius mair vn to your (L) nor I was willing about my hors, quhilk your l deid promis vn to me, with the restis of the siluer; and now in respect quhat I heif ado, I dout nocht bot your (L) sall be of mair willing mynd to furthur ye same hors to me with this berer, gud and sufficient, of na les walog, bot rather mair nor your (L) condisionit, quhilk was of fourte poundis; quhilk fourte lb It will pleis yow to send me, geif your (L) be nocht sa prowydit of hors to that pryce, and as to farther, anent the hors of ane gretter walog, quhilk now I may craif conform to promis also at the end of the pley,<sup>1</sup> quhairin your (L) enteris to ane

<sup>1</sup> The plea of Whithorn. See Discharge, 15th November 1578.

matir of mair affect, quhilk I heif just cawse to Inwy, geif I gat nocht seik small condisionis keppit; yit geif your (L) satisfyis this berer with seik ane horse as was furst promist, or ellis the siluir conform, I sall nocht fasche your (L) mekill till your (L) may find yow bettir apoyntit for the last; and geif your (L) thinkis the siluir expedient to be send, the discharg of this berer sall be sufficient thairoff, and referis to his farther, and committis yow In the protection of god. from deldowe, the iv of this Instant Januar.—Your L to be commandit,

Mynto Younger.

Letter from the BISHOP OF ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 17th January 1578-9.

My lord and bruther, Eftir all hartlie Recommendatioun, be reassoun of your ll suddane departure I could nocht haue the informatioun concerning the bissines betuix me and the Laird of blairquhane<sup>1</sup> at your ll in to dew tyme afor your departing, And sua now am constranit to send the samen to your ll now, Praying your ll hartlie that ye will caus ane of your servandis convene with ony officiar of armes, and vse conforme to this informatioun the saidis lettres, And send me his attestatioun thairapoun. It hes done me (na) gude (in) the post positioun of the samen, Quhilk hes bene be my awin slewth, and to my skaith. Always your ll will for my fauour caus exped the samyn, And caus the sam to be at me afor the day That the said officiar appoyntis, Quhairby that I may keip fordwart the leave<sup>2</sup> of the ordours, And nocht be haldin and cassin bak as I haue bene. And quhair as your ll or ony of youris hes ado command me all hamelie agane, and godwilling I sall baith acquite the fauour and chargeis that sallbe vsit for me in the like caus. And sa eftir that I haue my hartlie commendationis to my ladie your bedfallow, togidder with my wiffis, hir antis, and my ladie torphichens, to your self and hir baith, I will commend yow and

<sup>1</sup> James Kennedy.

<sup>2</sup> Remainder.

hir, with your barnis, in the protection of god. Off halirudhous,  
this sevintene of Januar 1578.—Your bruther at powar,  
the bischop off orknay.<sup>1</sup>

And alsua prayis your ll to  
send me the lettres with the  
informatioun of the Execution  
with the first your ll sendis to this toun.  
To my verray gude Lord and bruther  
my Lord of barnebarro in galloway.

Letter by Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 25th January 1578-9.

I haif rasauit your L lettir daittit at Wigtoun the xi of  
Januar In the quhilk your L writes that ye merwell that I suld  
seik thre hundryth pundis, quhair thair is bot tua hundryth  
pundis awand me be yow. my lord as for ansur ye remembir  
the first contrak of barwarrnocht, and prestre beris the self  
the secund contrak of carltoun, the knock, beris be the self  
the last contrak of apilbe and the mill, quhilk ye causit me  
wyth mony fair wordis, and grit persuctionis, and sindry pro-  
mises maid to me, as your writingis will yit testyfe, that quhat  
sum ewir I peyit for It to my douchter ye suld satisfye the sam  
wyth awangtage to me for my trawell, as I sall ansur befor god.  
It wes als dew to me as ix hundryth merkis; and apou your  
promes and writing I aggret wyth yow for sic sowmis, as I will  
nocht specifye; quhilk sowm ye promisit be your lettir to  
deliuer to me wythowt forther faill togidder, and desyirit me to  
caus forme ane contrak apou the sam, conforme to the formar  
contrak of carltoun and the knok, quhilk I did at your raquest;  
and becaus thair wes contenit in the sam that thair suld be ane  
hundryth pundis on payit quhill the end of the ple, as the wthir  
contrakis beir afor, nocht wyth standing your promisses yit ye  
maid me obstakle in (in) payment of that hundryth pundis.  
wil I wes content to forgeif yow the hundryth pundis for a bare  
hundryth merkis. als to the todir hundryth pundis, quhilk is

<sup>1</sup> Adam Bothwell was Bishop of Orkney, 1562-1591.

contentit in the contrak of carltoun, ye knaw yourself I rasauit bot an hundryth merkis for the sam, and that payit xv dyis efter the decret wes gewin. this ye knaw yourself. and geif ye knaw It nocht, I haif the dowle<sup>1</sup> of (the) your dischairg, and al tymes, and forther your awin writing (writing) at ewere tyme commandis me to rasaif sa mekil siluer fra the berar, quhilk thing upon your honour ye will nocht deny. and I wuld nocht craf yow forther nor ye ar addettit to me for all that haill land. quhairfor prayis yow that ye will appoint me ane suir daye and plaic schortle, that I ma mak my compt wyth yow, and rasaif the rest of my siluer, and remembir upon your honour and promes. as to my sonis hors quhilk ye haif send him wyth willam steward, he is nocht content wyth him, and that willam steward will ken, and he ma. he sais raid newir on sic ane hors, for hais na raggit,<sup>2</sup> and forther I wil nocht wryit. efter the commandis of your awin writing I haif send this berar (this berar) to rasaif my oxin, I wil send na bodde to wal<sup>3</sup> tham; suppois wthir folkis be crabit, yit I wil still lippin in your honour and promes. I dessyir tham of your awin walins, fair and young, of fyif or sex yeir aldis,<sup>4</sup> an spilt,<sup>5</sup> and quhat I can do to your pleseir without fauw(ouris) salbe redde; and the lord be wyth yow. of daildowe, this xxv of Januar, 1578.—be your awin at his power, John of mynto knyght.

To my waraye gud  
Lord the lard of barn-  
barrauche.

Letter from THE JUSTICE-CLERK<sup>6</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 10th February 1578-9.

Brother, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun, this present is to adverteis yow that the caus of bastardie betuix Johne Adair one

<sup>1</sup> Double, *i.e.*, copy.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning not known.

<sup>3</sup> Choose.

<sup>4</sup> The oxen were probably for draught. In these times few people have seen a five-year-old ox in Scotland.

<sup>5</sup> ? Unspoiled.

<sup>6</sup> Sir Lewis Bellenden succeeded Sir John as Justice-Clerk in 1578.



that ane part, and allisone Dunbar<sup>1</sup> one the wthair, hes bene quicklie handled baith in the consistorie and sessioun thir twentie dayis lastbypast, as the berar can declair to yow at mair lenth. And I am informit that ye knaw sum part of the secreitis of the begining of the caus of bastardie moved be my father and the laird of mochrum againes Johne Adair and his spous, And speciallie of the proces inseirt in the sessone buike of wigtoun, and thairby may maist hinder or forder the caus. and in respect the tinsall of the said causs tendis to the greate hurte of my brether, mair nor of ony wther person, I will maist ernistlie requeist yow, baith for the gudwill and frendschip that ye bear vnto my father, and for ony gudwill or plesor that I am able to do to yow, that ye will schaw your frendschip to my brethir in this causs, And becaus the consistorie buike wes produced befor the commissioner of this toun out of your handis, and came up againe be your procurator (M) Johnne Scharp, that ye wuld send commissioun to the samen (M) Jo<sup>n</sup> to produce the said buike befor the lordis of counsall the xxi day of merche nixtocum, conforme to the lordis sumonis thairwpon, traisting assuredlie ye will do heirin in sik maner as your awin freindis and my brethir may find your kyndness and frendschip for my causs, and I may persaive that thai be the better of this my requeist, as knawis god, quhome with yow I committ to the mychtie protectioun of god. of Ed<sup>r</sup> the tent of februar 1578 be youris.—Your L assurit brother,

The Justice clerk.

To his weilbelouit broder

The laird of

Barnebarro<sup>t</sup>.

Endorsed on back

Informatione for the pley of Mochrum and quithorne.

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 18th February 1578-9.

My Lord, efter maist hartlie commendation, pleis your Lo I

<sup>1</sup> Alison Dunbar was one of the heirs-portioners of Loch, and the Lady Droughtag.

haif delyuerit your Letter to my Lord my onkill,<sup>1</sup> quha hes acceptit the same in verray guid part, and vill do thairin sa farr as his Lo may; and that for the getting forduart of our causs gif his Lo may know that it taik guid success as I dout nocht but it sall. in the meane tyme I pray yow aduertis me in vret vitht the berar of the matter that we left at our departing, and quhat ye haif done thairin, and quhow shown<sup>2</sup> that I sall visite yow, for I sall be redey upon your aduertisement. also aduertis me of the Lard of cadirs<sup>3</sup> estate, gif he be conualescit or nocht. nocht villing for to truble yow vitht prolixit Letter, but referis to your aduertisement vitht the berar, and sua for the present committis your Lo to god. from sanctandross, the xvij day of fabruar.—Your Lo assurit freind,

Robert commendator of quhitthern.

[The address is cut off.]

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, February 1578-9.

I haif resautit your writing, dessyiring me to cum to glesgo, or to sum plaice thair about, to that effek that ye mycht speik wyth me; and In spessiell concerning ane reuertion quhilk my lady morraye allegis to haif for the landis quhilkis I had in gallowaye; and that the lard of lochtinwar wes at hir, seikand to by the sam. trewlie and scho sans(is)<sup>4</sup> one<sup>5</sup> reuertion of me, I am begyilit; bot Indeid thair is obligatioun apoun mair nor tua thowsand pundis, and I haif my writing agayn; alwais ye ar als aible to do your tur(n) als the lard of lochtinwar or one<sup>5</sup> wthir. my son wilbe in your contrar In sa far as he may; he threipis that ye haif handillit him oncurtesle.<sup>6</sup> as to me, I will not pleyn suppois I haif mater enewth. I sall caus ane be at yow the xxix of this instant monet, quha sall declair yow forther. In gud fayth I trawalit nocht furth of my awin

<sup>1</sup> ? Earl of March.

<sup>2</sup> Soon.

<sup>3</sup> ? Cawdor.

<sup>4</sup> Senses, smells out.

<sup>5</sup> Any.

<sup>6</sup> Uncourteously.

chammir this fyif monetis. forther, as I find gud handelling, ye sal fyind fryndship agayn.

be youris at power Johne of mynto.

To my warraye gud lord the

Lard of barnbarroch.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 21st February 1578-9.

I rasaut your Lettir furth of glesgo dissyiring me to cum and speik wyth yow, and bayth I wes in my bed, and for skantnes of paper I wrait to yow In hest, and at the flicht. In gud fayth I haif had sic ane dolour in my leg and In my kne that I haif newir gayn furth of my chammir, bot geif It had beyn to the yaird, this xvii weilkis, quhilk mowis me to hest this berar efter yow wyth forther discurs in the causs that ye dissyirit. as concernyng my lady morrais spekin, I can mak na ansur to It; I newir yit maid yow ane Lesing wittinlie. the trewtht is this, my lord of morraye causit maister Johne wod dissyir ane writing of me, quhilk I deliuerit to him, and he deliuerit me ane wthir writing of my lordis, quhilk writing concernis ma nor me. geif my lady knew quhow far my lord of morraye and is bund,<sup>1</sup> scho wald be mair quiet nor scho is. quhair scho sais that scho hes ane reuertoun apon of ane thowsand pund, trwle, as I remembir, my writing wor as towartis the sowm of foir thowsand merkis or thairby, wyth sic clausis and restriktionis as will nocht be hid, and litill to my ladyis awantage. It is spokin of ald that a fuill ma geif a wyisman a consell; I think It gud that ye speak wyth my lady, and geif hir fair wordis, as ye haif enow to geif her and<sup>2</sup> ye lyik, and tak lytil thocht of the keping of tham quhen ye haif spokin tham, and dissyir that sho will resaif your fawir and kyndnes, and nocht to put yow in cummir wyth your nychtbouris for that thing that ye haif tayn sa grit cost and trawill, and ye salbe als aible as (ane) wthir to do hir pleseir, her rycht and titill beand tryit; this as I haif writing the fuill to geif the wyisman ane consall. forther I wait nocht

<sup>1</sup> And scho is bund; or, wes and is bund.

<sup>2</sup> An, if.

quhat alis my son, bot he is inwentand emaginyng al the wais he dow to mak yow cummir; bot that sall nocht awail him, for he sal nocht immagin that thing to your hurt bot ye sal be aduertist. quhen your young stottis com to me thai wor ewill lyik, and he was waraye blyth, and said he had rathar haif gewin ane hundryth pundis or I had speid bettir in my oxin nor he did in his hors; I ansurit and said thai wor gud enewth, I wes content wyth tham, and na boddy had ado wyth tham bot my self. now Last of all I man dissyir yow to appoint me ane wuraye schort daye for payment of the rest of my siluer, and quhair I sal send and rasaif the sam, for be god It is nocht your part to haif drawin the tyme sa lang wyth me. I wil wryit na forthir. my gud son Johne wallace<sup>1</sup> wrait to my son, and schaw him that ye wor awand me fyif hundryth merkis, and that ye had schawin the sam to the Lard of craige,<sup>1</sup> and geif he wald cum or send to yow betuix and the xvi daye of Januar, ye suld keip It in your hand quhil that daye; al thir thingis I man Lat you knaw, suppois thai be nocht waraye plesand to yow; thairfor aduertis me quhair I sall (send) to, and quhen I sal rasaif my siluer, for In gud fath I think newir to send to yow efter. I pray yow geif this berar ane ansur, and the Lord be wyth yow. of daildowe, this xxi of februar, 1578.—be your awin at al powir,

Johne of mynto.

To my waraye gud  
 Lord the Lard of barn-  
 barraucht.

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
 to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 23d February 1578-9.

My Lord, Eftir maist hartlie commendation, I did vrett to yow vitht the post<sup>2</sup> of sanctandross sene my departing fra your Lo, and, becauss that I haif send my boy sum vder afferis, I thoycht neidfull to vrett this present vnto yow, praing your Lo maist effectuisly that ye vill advertis me of the contentis of my

<sup>1</sup> The Laird of Craige's name was John Wallace.

<sup>2</sup> This is an early notice of a letter sent by post.

last Letter send to yow. also advertis me gif our matter hes beine advysit apoun sen your Lo rysing of the session, quherby we parteis ar summond for to heare the interloquitor pronuncit, and quhat day we ar varnit vnto; and, gif ye think neidfull that I visit your Lo vitht diligence, advertis me vitht the berar, and I sall be redy apoun your aduertisment. nocht villing to truble yow vitht prolixit Letter, but for the present committis your L in to protection of god. from sanctandross the xx3 day of februar.—Your Lo assurit frend,

Robert commendatur of  
quhitthern.

To my special guid  
freind Lard of barrnbarroch.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 1st March 1578-9.

I haif rasauit your wthir lettir, schowand that I had writing to yow that my lord of morroye had ane writing of myne apoun the sowm of mair nor tua thowsand pund, and I haif ane writing of his; al is trew. I lukit nocht for your tare,<sup>1</sup> bot that ye suld haif riddin to sterling as ye wrait; and I haif send ane seruand of my awin this sam daye wyth ane writing, quhilk wil mak yow the hail discours of all at lynthe. quhair ye rapref<sup>2</sup> me that I wald newir at no tyme mak yow aduertisment nodir be word nor wryit of the reuertion or obligatioun gewin to my lord of moreye, In deid It is trew the forder that ewir I wrait to yow wes quhen ye schaw me be willam Steward that my lady morraye allegit hir to haif ane reuertion; my anser wes quhen scho schaw it I suld geif ane anser, and sua I sall yit; I will rafuis na thing that I haif promisit. as to your payment maid to me, trwle I wil deny na thing that ewir ye haif gewin me, and salbe found als trew as ane wthir man. as to our contrakis, It is grit reson that ye do one that ye m(aun) be the Law to get the sam fulfillit, for I sal newir be against It, bot salbe content wyth the sam. forthir refaris to your anser furth

<sup>1</sup> Tarry, delay.

<sup>2</sup> Reprove.



of stirling agayn. I wil nocht truble yow forther, bot committis  
yow to god.—be youris, John of mynto.

To my warreye gud  
Lord the Lard of  
Barnbarrauche.

Letter from Sir JOHN STEWART of Minto to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 6th March 1578-9.

I haif rasaut your lettir, and ma nocht weill mak ansur  
to euere heid becaus of my infirmete; quhairfor I haif gewin  
this berar the mair ado. I wil dissyir yow according to your  
promes to deliuer the rest of my siluer to this berar; and  
trewlie I sall fulfill al thingis promisit to yow, and sall nocht  
faile in na thing wyth godis graice. And wtherwais I wil  
wryit playnle to yow; I will trawell for my self, for the Law,  
as ye wryit, will serf yow; and than ye can nocht pleynye.<sup>1</sup>  
this berar will schaw yow forther, quhilk I assuir salbe, and is,  
trew. I will nocht trubill yow wyth langer lettir, sa com-  
mittis yow to god. ffrom daildowe, this friday the 6 of merche,  
1578.

be youris at powir Johne of  
mynto kny<sup>t</sup>.

To the Rycht honorable  
the Laird of barnbarrauch.

Letter by J. JOHNSTON to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
5th April 1579.

Me Lord, efter me verrie hartle commendatioune, the occa-  
sioun of my writin to your L at this present Is tuiching one  
naig, quhilk perteinis my freind hobbe Jonston of galloway,  
with his clois, his purss, and his testament writtin, and within  
the samen, his suord and quhing(er), and siclyk wther geir  
as he had presentle at his departing. this present is affectiusle  
to deser your (L) caus rander this geir apertaining him to this

<sup>1</sup> Complain.

Beirar, and deseris that your (L) will put sameikle in writtin as your (L) caussis deliuer him, that I may haiff (insp)ectioun off the samen, and this I dubt nocht Bot your (L) will do, as my speciall traist is in yow, and as I salbe Reddy to do your (L) the lyk plessor, geiff euer your (L) pleis to charge. Sua levin to truble your (L) with langer letter at this present, Biddis your (L) maist hartle fairwell. off the Lochewoid, the fyft of appryll instant, 1579.—Be youris (L) assurit freind,

J. Jhonston.<sup>1</sup>

To the rycht honorable and  
his verie asurit guid  
Lord the Laird of barn-  
baroch the kingis Lord  
of the sessioun.

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 9th April 1579.

My Lord, Efter maist hartly commendation, I dowl nocht but M Jonhe sharpe hes vretin to yow the maner of the pronounciation of the interloquitorie, quhilk vas pronuncit the xxix day of merch bypast, and quhat we haif gottin for our part. but his purpois vas for to gevin in ane eik that day, for to haif staid the pronounciation, for he fearit the curt, and our partei aduersar, as he did at the makin of your Lettir, quhilk as he shew me contenit thre headis. but I haif resoluit him of that dout, and presently vill resolue your L therof, that in thriutht and veretei sik thing vas neuir meanit as vas tauld maister Jonhe, as ye sall vnderstand at your comming heir. I haif send Letteris to your L to causs summond vitnassis, and that for the improbation of villems portion, and the improbation of the instrument, but unprovand the ane, the odir sall nocht neid. the matter hes bein veray trubilsom vnto me sene ye past to galloway, but we haif brocht the matter as ye may se, thirfore I man desyre your L maist effectiusly for to travell herin earnestly, nocht only for my causs, or my weill, but for your

<sup>1</sup> John Johnston of that ilk.

awin causs; and lett yow nething fear quhat be spokin, for ye sall knaw tham to be falss leis, and inventit only for to causs vs seik delayes, as they haif soycht, and yit sal; for my Lord president hes him commendit to yow, and baid vrett his commendation vnto yow. now the veill of our haill action standis in your handis, and I dout nocht but your L will schaw your guid vill and fauour, as ye did befor. I ressaut ane Letter fra my vnkle, desyring me for to remember yow of ane galloway neig; ye remember I spak your L befor, and your promes vas that, gif the interloquitorie past our vay, ye suld send the neig. therfor I man remember your L therof, and the tyme may cum shortly that their may be greter matteris amangis vs nor ane neig, and, gif ye pleis, send it vith the berar. all vder thingis I refer to your comming againe, and sua for the present committis your L into the protection of the Lord god. from edin-brugeht, the ix day of apryll.—Your L assurit freind,

Robert commendator of quithern.

To his special guid  
freind Laird of  
barnbarrach.

Letter from Sir J. GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 14th April 1579.

Rycht honorable Ser, eftir my hartly commendatioun, I resaut your wreting desyring me to send wp sum clairett wyne. I haif appointit to send yow sic as thair is, bot geif ye will cum downe, and keip Jurnay as ye haif wretin, ye sall haif ane drink of guid quhyt wyne, and than I dout nocht to gar yow pay for the double and safir<sup>1</sup> to refresche my maisonis with—I heir say thair is sum thingis betuix my (l)<sup>2</sup> and alex<sup>r</sup> gordoun

<sup>1</sup> Safer—the reward given for the safe keeping and restoring anything that has been lost, of which the following quotation from Spottiswood (p. 306) may serve as an example: “That days be kept, and such as shall be found to be robbed of their goods, be redressed to the double and with safer, according to the law of Marches.”

<sup>2</sup> It is probable that the person here meant by my Lord (*i.e.*, of Cassillis) was Sir Thomas Kennedy of Colzean, the tutor of Cassillis. There was a feud of long

my freind, quhilk I lyk nocht, bot wald that it wer wtherwayis wsit that thair wer na sic proceedingis. thairfor it is meit to yow, that ar my lordis wyss freindis, to luik wpoun the best of it; for as to me, my (l) may nocht say that evir I owdir cunsallit my freind, or fortefeit him be way of deid in this, bot wald haif wissit all thingis that standis betuix his (l) and my freindis till haif tane ane guid effect, sua beand that I had knawin his (l) till haif done his dewtye to me wpoun the wther part; quhilk I allege his (l) hes nocht keipit as become of dewtie, consideran the band that is amang ws. nocht trubland yow langer on this, becauss I am certane your wisdome can consider the best. for occasionis may fall furth on sic wayis that ennyman wilbe forcit to do for his awin at lenth; quhilk I tak god to witnes I wald nocht for my awin part come to that fyne. refarrand the rest to meiting, committis yow to the protectioun of almychtie god. from kenmor, the xiiii of aprile instant.—Youris assurit freind at powar, lochinwer.

To the Rycht honorable  
and my trest freind  
The Laird of barnbaroch.

Letter from LORD RUTHVEN to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
20th April 1579.

Bruther, eftir maist hairtlie commendatione, I ressaued your standing between him, Uchtred M'Dowall of Garthland, and Thomas Kennedy of Bargany, on one part; and Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar, John Gordon of Barskeoch, and Alexander Gordon of Portencorkrie, his son, on the other part. Each party had been bound over in heavy penalties, in the usual manner, in October 1579, that the other party should be scathless of it to a given date, and that date had been prorogued from time to time. In the *Register of the Privy Council*, vol. iii., p. 317, under date 26th September 1580, there is a reference to a previous order to all these parties to appear on the 10th October, "to underly sic order as salbe impute to them for removing the variance and contraverisie presentlie standing betwix thame." The date of the conference is prorogued to the 1st December, and the bonds for mutual non-interference are renewed, to endure till Whitsunday 1581. No settlement was then made, for we find the Privy Council, on 26th July 1582, ordering a renewal of the bonds, to endure till the following 1st December. Sir Patrick, as a friend and connection of Lochinvar, and brother-in-law of the tutor of Cassillis, might well be a mediator between them.

lettre makand mentioun that ye ar aggreit with my servand frances home for ane pensioun of fourty pundis, quhilk he hes in galloway, and that ye stay to end with him quhill ye be sure of my gud will to get you ane ratificatioun of the kingis majestie upon the confirmatioun alreddy obtinit, and that becaus of his hienes revocatioun daylie of pensioun.<sup>1</sup> Ye sall wit his g(race) revokis na confirmatiounis grantit be him upon pensionis gevin be kirkman to quhatsoever personis, bot only of pensionis gevin be him self of his thriddis.

Always in caiss ye find nocht this confirmatioun sufficient, ye may be assurit sa lang as I bruik my office I sall get yow sic securitie as ye will think ressonable to be socht of the kingis majestie; Sua ye sall nocht neid to stay bot end your turne. Forther referris to meting, And comittis you to the protectione of god. At Perth, the xx of Aprile, 1579.

Your Lowying and assurit broder.  
Ruthven.

To his bruther the laird  
of barnbarroch Senator  
of our Soverane lordis  
College of Justice.

Letter from ROBERT FLESCHER to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
26th May 1579.

My Lord, eftir my maist hairtlie commendatioun of service, I ressaut your L lettir the xxv of this instant at nycht, and Immediatlie thairefter schew my Lady my maistres<sup>2</sup> the contentis thair of, desyring that It mycht stand with hir L pleser that your desyr tuiching the productioun of the Laird of myntois reuer-sione, for the aisiar following out of your (L) caus of warrandice agains him, mycht be fulfillit; Quhais anser wes that It neidit nocht to be exhibitit befor the Lordis, in respect the nocht productioun thair of will nocht hinder your (L) caus of warrandice,

<sup>1</sup> On the 26th November 1578 the king, in council, had revoked all grants of pensions formerly given by him.—*Reg. Privy Council*, vol. iii., pp. 48, 49.

<sup>2</sup> Lady Argyle.



for hir L sayis that schoe is na foirther bound in the contract nor that It sall nocht hurt your L, And salbe as It haid neuer bene "in rerum natura;" and forther nor that hir la thinkis schoe can nocht do. Bot be godis graice I salbe in that town within tua or thrie dayis, and in the mainetyme sall preis to sie giff I can ony foirthir to my Lady to your L contentement. And thus, remitting the rest vnto That tyme, committis your L to the protectioun of almychtie god. frome stirveling, this xxvi of May, 1579.—Your (l) to command with Service,

Robert flescher.

I maid your (l) hairtlie  
commendationis wnto my  
lord,<sup>1</sup> my Lady,<sup>2</sup> my Lady Muray  
hir dochter, the bischope of  
brechin, quha acceptit the  
samen in gud part.

To the Rycht honorabill the  
Lard off barnebarroche ane  
of the Lordis of the Kingis  
maiesteis College of Justice.

Endorsed in Sir Patrick Waus's handwriting—

Ane misseff for Informatioun off my Lord off Morrayis  
pley.

Letter from LORD RUTHVEN to his Brother, the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 28th May 1579.

Broder, eftir hartlie commendationis, Wpon aduertisement send to me be my seruitor, Johne olyphant, that ye war desyrouss to hef your horss sand to yow, in respect that ye ar to pass hame schortlie, I hef sand hym at this present to yow with the berar, And vald nocht retenit hym salang, war nocht he war sa evill like, and nathing mendit as yit; beyng ane horss that hes bene dyetit, and refusis his meitt; albeit the berar can declair It was for falt of na kyinde of fwid<sup>3</sup> that ony horss wald eitt. I vald hef bene veray Laytht to hef sand hym to yow sa aivill

<sup>1</sup> Earl of Argyle.

<sup>2</sup> Lady Argyle.

<sup>3</sup> Food.

like, war nocht ye ar sa desirouss to hef hym, becauss of your ryding. I thank yow hertlie for the Len<sup>1</sup> of hym, and quhen ye charge me in gretar materis ye sall fynd me na les reddy to satefye your requeist. Sua ceissing to truble yow with Langar lettir, committis yow to the protectioun of god. At Ruthwen, this thursday, the xxviii of May, 1579.—Your Lovyng and assurit broder.

Ruthven.

To his weilbeLovit  
Broder The Laird  
of Barnbarrouch.

Letter from Mr JOHN SHARPE to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
31st July 1579.

My Lord, efter maist heartlie commendatione, haiffing the commoditie of the beraris returning, I thoct gude to aduertiss your (l) that your decreit is obtenit aganis the Laird of Mynto; Lyikwayis vpone frances homeis persone. The new collectour maid impediment, bot it avalit nocht. I sall caus Mr Johne extract the decreittis, and bring thame with hym at my cuming in the cuntrie, quhilk salbe god willing sasone as I can red me of my bessines heir, for I man be at hame agane about the end of the nixt moneth; sua presentlie haiffing na vther occasione, efter my heartlie commendatione off service to my ladie, I commit yow bayth to the protectione off the everlasting. ffrom edinburcht, this last of Julij.—Be your (l) at his power to be commandit.

Jo Schairpe.

To my verrie gude lord  
My Lord off barnbarro  
ane off the senatouris  
off oure souerane  
Lordis colledge of  
Justice.

[There was a dispute as to the possession of the Castle, etc.,

<sup>1</sup> Lend, or loan.

of Cruggleton between Margaret, Mistress of Ochiltree, and Lord Robert Stewart, commendator of Whithorn. He was in possession, and was besieged in it, in the year 1569 (see *antea*, p. 61). There was a long pending action at law on the subject, and on the 20th January 1578-9, Mr John Douglas, Chamberlain of the Priory, was ordered by the Council to give up the castle and lands to the Mistress of Ochiltree under pain of 2000 merks. The penalty was incurred (see *Privy Coun. Reg.*, 23d April 1579), and she got another decree to be put in possession by the 31st August, under a penalty of £1000. This seems to have been effective for a time, but she complains, on 6th April 1580, that in the previous December her servants were violently turned out by Lord Robert, the Commendator, and the Laird of Garlies, his sons and servants, for which they were all put to the horn as rebels on the 9th of June 1580.]

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 21st December (perhaps)  
1579.

My lord, Efter maist hartlie commendatioun, forsamekill as the maistres of vchiltre desyrit your (l) to vret to me anentis the housse of crugilton, to let hir haif it rather nor maister robert, and that scho vald be content to geve the sowm ye vret to me; gif your (l) plesis to tack the panis to speik with hir, I will be content to Lett hir haif it, as ye vret to me, apon ane hundert pundis; and I haif send ane lettir formit to that effect vith ane blank Letter subscryvit to mak it mair formall vretin apon the bak, quhilk the berar vill Lett yow se. not dowting but your (l) vill forder this berar to get the silver, for I haif ado thervitht. remitting the rest to the berar, and sua committis your (l) to the protectioun of god. from Stirveling the xxi day of december.—  
Your (l) assurit freind, Robert commendator of  
To the Rycht honorable quhithorne.  
and my speciall traist  
freind my Lord of  
barnbarrach.

it vere guid that the summondis vere intendit, gif maister Jonh scharpe thoycht it meit. gif he vill not, I think my person evill bestowit, and I sall get vtheris quha vill do it.

Letter from ELIZABETH DOUGLAS<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d January 1579-80.

My Lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun of serwece, Pleiss your l to be rememberit of the speiking, quhilk was betuix your l and me, in this town of ane obligatioun that the Laird of minto haid of your (l) ; the quhilk I delyuerit to maister Johne scharp, quha requestit your (l) for to be guid to me, and maid ane resignatioun baythe be your avyiss and his, and desyret me to get it subscrywit, The quhilk I did ; and maister Johne Scharp hes it withe your (l) obligatioun in keiping, and the dischairge also. I sall delyuer him at meting, quhilk salbe in edinburghe schortlie, god willing, and sall causs him wret to your (l) for this sam effect. And farder I am werie far addettit wnto your (L), ffor william Stewart schew me that your (L) hald sum siluer into your hand, baith for Mr Johne scharpis requeist, and my weill ; The quhilk I pray your (L) for to retene quhill your (L) speik withe Maister Johne scharp, quha will delyuer your (L) the obligatioun withe the dischairge thair of, and the resignatioun. Praying your (L) for to chairge me withe ony thing or serwece Lyand into my power, that I may perform, and it salbe done at your (L) command. Haifand na farder occasioun to truble your (l) at this present, bot hes my hertly comendatioun of serwece to your (L) self, and to the lady ; And sa committis your (L) to the protection of the eternall god. ffrom glasgw, the xxviii day of Januar, 1579.—Be your (L) serwand to command at the vtermest of my power,

Elyzabethe Douglass.

To ane Ry<sup>t</sup> honorable  
and hir maist speciall  
The Laird of Barnbarroche.

<sup>1</sup> She was daughter to David, Earl of Angus, and second wife of Sir Alexander Stewart of Garlies.

Letter from DAVID MURRAY of Broughton to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 26th August (?) 1579.

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun, It will ples I  
resaut anser of my letter to the tutor of cassillis, quha menis  
be ressonne of his ryding that he could nocht gif adwysit anser  
to your (l) vreiting and mynd till your (l) cumming to May-  
boill, and thair he will gif yow ane adwysit anser, quhairinto I  
think he will be adwysit with your (l). Do thairinto as your  
(l) wisdom thinkis gude. I trest in the mein tyme alex<sup>r</sup> gor-  
doun wyf and seruandis will nocht (be) trublit nor stayit in  
scheiring of the corne. farther It will ples your (l) ressonne  
with the commisser for geiffing of decreit betuix Johnne carnis  
and me. Lewing to trubill yow farther, committis your (l) to  
the protectioun of god. of brochtoun, the xxvi of this instant,  
1579 Be youris at puar, Dauid muraye of Brochtoun.

I will sen your letter and mynd to Sandris gordoun, that he  
may see your (l) gude will, laubouris, and mynd in this caus.  
Etc.

To the Ry<sup>t</sup> hono<sup>ll</sup> and his speciall gude  
eyme me lard of BaArnbarroch of our souerane  
sessioun Etc Etc.

[The two following letters by the same are not dated.]

Letter from DAVID MURRAY of Broughton to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH (no date).

My lord, efter me veary hartly commendatyon of service,  
this berar my seruand will nocht beleif bot he Is in danger be  
resone of the hornyng that he trubillit your (l) befor. And I  
praye your (l) to maik hyme vnderstand the danger, and quhow  
he sall releif<sup>1</sup> m<sup>r</sup> robart stewart<sup>2</sup> And I heis ado. And quhan  
he cumis to your (l) I wald be aduertysit, that I mycht be at

<sup>1</sup> There seems to be an omission here—perhaps “the matter which.”

<sup>2</sup> Mr Robert Stewart was chamberlain of the Priory of Whithorn.



your (l) to; for wye<sup>1</sup> heis refarat our waryance to your (l). I knawe your (l) to be in gud heill in bodye, quhair of I (am) content, and I trest in god ye will releif the deseis of the saule. I will declair this at meityng mair at leynth. till meityng wyth your (l) commitis your (l) to the protection of god. of brochton, the vi of this Instant, be your awin to be commandit,

David Muraye of Brochton.

Letter from DAVID MURRAY of Broughton to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH (no date).

Richt hono<sup>ll</sup>, my dewtie maist hartlie rememberit, I wes In-  
formeit ye war to wryte to me anent allex<sup>rs</sup> cairneis hornynge, to  
sie geve I wald keip promiseis to yow anent his escheit and lyf-  
rent; and becaus I mycht not stay, bot is forsit to tak wyge<sup>2</sup>  
wayage to ed<sup>r</sup>, I thocht gvid, In caiss ye had wryttin to me  
thairanent In my absenss, to lave my anser to yow In wryte.  
Ser ye sall be assureit I will nocht lave ony thing I have  
promiseit to yow wnfuillit, and In special anent that mater of  
sande carneis quhatsaever I have promiseit In ony sort to yow,  
and I dovt nocht bot your honour will constrane yow to do the  
lyke to me; for ye promiseit me the half of that blok<sup>3</sup> ye have  
gottin of sande carneis, befoir ye blokit with him ye promiseit,  
and ye could agrie with him, I sould be halffand of the blok,  
as ye could agrie with him for his land; and I assureit yow I  
was svir of mertoun, and of the laird of garleis, that thai wald  
do nathing with him by<sup>4</sup> me, and be your promiseis I thocht he  
was mair svir of yow nor of ony of thame, wtherwyis I wald  
have maid my self svir by<sup>4</sup> ony of yow. and now, ser, last of  
all, that thing quhilk ye frielie promiseit to me that ye wald get  
done at sande carneis hand, ye will nather geve him his awyn  
lettiris agane, nor yit geve tham to me, nevertheless of all the  
trubel and diligence I wseit to get thame for yow. and quhow-  
beit ye have his letter that he hes ressaveit thame fra yow, ye  
sall nocht want ane letter that I ressaveit fra yow; geve thai  
may proffeit yow I am glaid. and, ser, at our last meitting In

<sup>1</sup> Wye, we.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning unknown.

<sup>3</sup> Bargain.

<sup>4</sup> Without.

the forrest I craveit of yow according to dewtie that ye wald be my freind, quhilk ye promiseit befor James m<sup>c</sup>culloch, lyke as I promiseit ye suld have me to command as ane of your awyn; and lykeyis I schew yow I had endit with sande carneis, and the wryteis was In my awyn hand, and I had nocht settillit him with my brother, and It was In my awyn quhidder I wald end with him, or nocht; and ye direkit me to end with him. and send syne quhat courss hes bene Interpretit to my hurt I schew yow, and geve your serwand can do all turneis that concerneis yow of his awyn heid I merwell. alvyis, ser, I am as ane of your awyn, and ye will except the sam, and wse me freindfullie, as of dewtie ye sould; and godvilling ye sall never have causs wtherwyiss to supect me, and ye bie nocht ane greittar wnfreind to me nor I lvik for. and to conclude, ye sall be assurit godvilling ye sall ay be first to brak promiseis to me, or ever I brak to yow for to be In <sup>1</sup> to yow, or ane promise brekar, I dow nocht dowbill it ovt <sup>1</sup> yit will nocht mynt<sup>2</sup> at the mater. Sua for the present committis yow in godis eternall protection. from brochton this setterday at nycht, youris <sup>1</sup> to my powar to command,

Broc(hton).

To the rycht honoll  
and his speciall the  
laird of barnbarroch geve.

Receipt by DAME ANNAS KEITH, Countess of Argyle,  
20th April 1580.

I dame annas keyth, countess of Argyll, grantis me to haif resaut ffrome ane rycht honorable, maister patrik wauss of barrow, ane of the senatoris of the kingis maiesteis college of Justice, the sowme of four hundreth merkis money of this realme; and that in part of payment of ane gretar sowme to be resaut be me frome hym, conforme to ane contract maid betuix

<sup>1</sup> Paper gone—? awing.

<sup>2</sup> Mynt at, attempt.

ws. In witness quhairof I haif subscriuit this my acquittance with my hand at edinbrucht, the xx day of Aprill, 1580.

Annas keyth.<sup>1</sup>

Endorsed

me ladye argillis acquittance of iiij<sup>c</sup> merkis and the acquittance of compleit payment Is registret In the bvikis of consell.

Letter from LORD ROBERT STEWART, Commendator of Whithorn,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 23d April 1580.

My Loird, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I vrett to you of before of my hard handling in thir partis; that I can get nothing to releive my creditoris, or yit to do my lefull affaris, ether of third or twa part, or yit of my awin cornis, quhilkis maister robert<sup>2</sup> hes sauld and disponit, except twa hundred merkis of the cornis, quhilk is nothing in respect of the quantety and prycis of the contrei. I detenit thomas aikman vitht me sen my comming furtht of edinburcht, quha suld haif had his tua hundred merkis at paiche<sup>3</sup> lest, and yit vas not dispurst quhill this day; and by<sup>4</sup> that silver, quhilk thomas ressaut, I assure your (l) I ressaut not thir xxx vkis (weeks) but ane hundred merkis and xvii pundis monei; and seing that I am compellet to craue<sup>5</sup> my awin be Law rather nor be freindship, I haif vritin to maister Jonh shairpe to haif his consell gif it be neidfull to maik ane sequestration or inhibition apoun the haill twa part quhill I be satisfiet, ether be gettin of my awin or producing of sufficient dischargis. praing your (L) to remember maister Jonh apoun my busines, and Lett baitht your advysiss tend to the furtherance of my iust and resonabill causs. for seing that your (L) and he vere the speciall instrumentis to bring me to quyetnes in thir partis, quherby I might inioy<sup>6</sup> my awin vithout truble to ony, sua I dout not but ye wilbe pillaris

<sup>1</sup> She was the eldest daughter of the Earl Marischal; was married, February 1562, to James, Earl of Murray, afterwards Regent; and secondly to the Earl of Argyle.

<sup>2</sup> Mr Robert Stewart, Chancellor of the Priory of Whithorn.

<sup>3</sup> Easter.

<sup>4</sup> Beside.

<sup>5</sup> Crave.

<sup>6</sup> Enjoy.

to uphault me, albeit vtheris vald vishe my decay. I vill pray your (L) ernestle to gef my servand information baitht concerning the sequestration, and alss anent the lettres of the four formes apoun the threddis omittit, and supplus of the threscoir xix yeir; becauss it is not pait to the collector, but is in the tenentis handis; for vithout the chargis I vill get na pament of that yeir. sua luiking that your (L) freindship and myne sall continew sa far as ye may be Law, and that be your advyss and maister Jonhis I resawe na skayth, and likviss that ye will heist<sup>1</sup> this berar agane vitht diligence vitht baytht your informationis, for the present comittis your (L) in to the protection of god. from vigton the xxij day of apryll.—Your (L) assurit auld freind,  
Robert commendator of quhithern.

I haif send the decreit quhilk I gatt apoun the thrid to maister Jonh, for vithout it we culd get na lettres. Sik newis as your (L) maid me participant I send them to your vyfe.

To my Rycht traist freind

Laird of barnbarracht.

Letter from DAME KATHERINE STEWART, LADY GARLIES, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 4th April 1580.

My Lord, eftir my hartly commendatioun, forsamekill I merwell that ye persew me sa hardly be the law, in respect that I shew to your wyff quhat was my mynd towardis yow: and and yit, as oft befoir, I am content to end furthe my contrak with your L, ye keipand all heidis contenit thairin to me. Quhairfoir I will desyre you to contenew your hard pursuit of me be the law for ane xx dayis spaice, and I sall send furthe M<sup>r</sup> robert, and my sone robert, and the contract withe thame subscryvit for my part, and mak an end withe yow, for I desyre not to be cumirit with the law, geif I may wtherwayis do. I will desyre your L anser withe this berar quhat ye will do heirin. Sa I committ your L in the protexioun of god

<sup>1</sup> Hasten.

Almychtie. Frome the clairie ye xxiiii day of Apryl, be youris  
L assurit on the auld maner, Dame Katherein Stewart,

Lady Gairleis elder.

To ye richt honorabill  
my Lord of barnbarrach.

[The two following letters by the same writer are not dated.]

Letter from DAME KATHERINE STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

Me lord, eftir my verraye hartlie recommendatioun, forsame-kill ye remembirit that we gait the last day of this instant moneth assignit to vss for probatioun of our possessioun of the carse of penyghame, and our advocat hes villet vss to wss<sup>1</sup> lettres to that effect to summon vitness for to proof our possessioun. Ser, ye knaw veil quhov lang we haif beyin in pesyable possessioun thair of, and I dovt nocht bot sum of your L servandis knavis the samen, together with m<sup>r</sup> john prestoun elder and youngar, quhairfor I pray your L avyss with m<sup>r</sup> Johne prestoun, lyk as I haif vrettin to him to cum and conffar with your L, to se gif we neid to causs oney in this cuntre to travell, or gif your L, or your L servandis, with m<sup>r</sup> John preston, vald siriff<sup>2</sup> to testyffe the samen, together with m<sup>r</sup> James venniss dischargis, quhilk we haif anew<sup>3</sup> of thame to weryfe that we haf payit our dewete to the said m<sup>r</sup> James weniss. I vill lippen to your L to revll<sup>4</sup> this mater as your wisdom thinkis guid, and to adverteiss vss with this beirair quhat we sall do heirin; for, me lord, it vareiss<sup>5</sup> to vss to get witness thairout; your L knavis it will be cumyr<sup>6</sup> to vss to get men twae or thre out this feild; alvayis I haife vrittin to M<sup>r</sup> John prestoun to wiss<sup>1</sup> the lettres for summoning of vitness. Your L sall wit that we haif travellit with mr William gordoun<sup>7</sup> for fulfilling of our promiss, that wes writtin be your L in Sant Johnis clachan,<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Use.

<sup>2</sup> Serve.

<sup>3</sup> Enough.

<sup>4</sup> Rule.

<sup>5</sup> Wares, costs.

<sup>6</sup> Trouble.

<sup>7</sup> He was tenant of Apilbe, part of the Whithorn lands.

<sup>8</sup> Kirkeudbright.



and gottin him to ane resonable stand, quhilk all freindis thinkis werray resonable; bot, me lord, I trow thai sall resaif all thingis that posseble ve can do in evill part, and lyk as thai haif doin in tymes bygane; bot god be vitness quhiddyr we haif offerit our freinlie dewetie to thame or nocht, lyk as your L sall knav at keipping of our nixt dyet befoir the lordis, for ve haf na wther vayin bot to syk the lavis,<sup>1</sup> for we ar ay hardlyer and hardlyer socht at all extremety thay can, and with greit bost,<sup>2</sup> quhilk I vill nocht fass<sup>3</sup> your L with at this present. Sua referis the rest to your (L) visdom, and aduertesment with delygence; and the eternall god haf your L in his kepping. be your L at hyr vter povar,

Dame Kathrein  
Stewart ladie garless.

To the rycht honorable and  
my werray guid lard of  
barbarrocht this be  
deliverit with dilygence.

Letter from DAME KATHERINE STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

Eme, eftyr mest hartly commendation, forsamekill as my hwsband hes desyryt me be his first wrythin, and now in speciall be his lattywryttin with his servand Jhon dunbar, to thanke yow hartlye of the greitt aduis<sup>4</sup> and chargis ye haif tayin for him, quha beseikis god he may be able to recompence yow; and now, ser, hes desyrit me In lyk maner to requiest yow ernistle to cum furthe to him; for in guid faithe, giff he want you, he will breik his hart to be thair his leyin,<sup>5</sup> and trewlye, Ser, I taik greit discomefort of your waycuming, for all men sayis to me that gif ye had hoippit oney guid in the caus ye wald nocht haif left it; thairfoir, Ser, I wald desyir yow hartlie, gif euer I mycht do yow pleser, to tak the panis, as ye haif doun of befoir, as to ryd out agayin to my hwsband, for he hes drectit his serwan and freyind, Jhon dunbar, to await

<sup>1</sup> Laws.

<sup>2</sup> Menace.

<sup>3</sup> Fash, trouble.

<sup>4</sup> Ado.

<sup>5</sup> His lane, *i.e.*, alone.

vpon yow, with wther aucht of his baronye men; quhairfoir, ser, gif it war your pleser, ye neid nocht tak money<sup>1</sup> of your awn with yow for thai soll enew await vpoun yow baithe in the guming<sup>2</sup> furthe, and thair inlykmaner. forthar, ser, attour all thingis ye wilbe sua guid as to leif with me the morn in Wigtoun, quhait tym I refer to your aduertesment, and the beraris. haiffing na farthar occasioun at the present, bot beseikis god all freyindis war als content and trew to my husband as ye ar, for the speikin and braikin of sum men, quha wes anis<sup>3</sup> freindis to me and my hwsband, brekis my hart. refering all vther thingis to our metying, and god preserue yow. frome the clarye, this wednsdaye.—Be youris at powar,

Dame kathreyin  
stewart ladye of  
garleis elder.

To the rycht honorable  
and my speciall em  
the lard of barnbarocht.

Letter from Mr ROBERT STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 10th February 1580.

My loird, Efter maist humile commendation of seruice, this present selbe that I haue resautit your (l) letter fra your (l) serwand, dauid M<sup>c</sup>eidye,<sup>4</sup> desyring me to send your (l) vii or viii<sup>c</sup> merkis betwine and fasserne ewine,<sup>5</sup> vtherwayis to charge the ladye garleis, me, and the tenentis, according to assumption; quhilk I merwell that your (l) suld be sa schort, as to charge sa suddanlei, gif your (l) charges it will be werraye cummersum to yourself, quhairfoir I will desyir your (l) nocht to be sa suddane, and god willing, at the siluer that maybe be had, your (l) sall haue it send to yowr (l) betwene and fassinewin;<sup>5</sup> this I think best your (l) do. as tuhiching the reducing of the ladye garleis tak, I vnderstand the ladye hes writtin sum thing herselt to your (l) anentis that; I can nocht think bot scho is aye willing to fulfill the contrak betwene your (l) and hir, howbeit

<sup>1</sup> Many.

<sup>2</sup> Coming there and back.

<sup>3</sup> Once.

<sup>4</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cady was a servant about 1589.

<sup>5</sup> Fastern Even.

scho dow nocht caus anteine<sup>1</sup> to substene the sammin, he will do nathing for hir, bot that that lyk to himself, quhairfoir your (l) man nocht wyit hir; praying your (l) to continew all thingis quhill fassenewin. in hoip of letter, quhilk I dowbt nocht bot your (l) will do. this luing for your (l) anser agane, committis your in the protection of god. of the clairie the x day of februaer.—Yower (l) humile serwand,

M. Robert Stewart.

To my Speciall gude loird  
my Loird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from Sir ALEXANDER STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 22d April 1580 (?).

My loird, eftir my werie hartelie commendationis, this present is to lat yow knaw that the laird of lochinver<sup>2</sup> hes summonit the pryor and convent<sup>3</sup> for the improbation of my tack of the manis of quhithern; notwithstanding of the summondis nother will the pryor nor the convent compeir at this present, thairfoir I praye yow, as my maist speciall frind, to help to geit the nixt dayet<sup>4</sup> as schort as it cain bie, for thai mein naething bot to drif<sup>5</sup> tyme with me, in respek that thair is summonit xx other nor<sup>6</sup> the pryor and convent, quhae hes naething ado with the tack nor kynis<sup>7</sup> nathing of it, suae thair aucht nane sik to bie hard to bie preifis.<sup>8</sup> thairfoir I praye your (l) wisdome taik attendance to it, as ye sall find me redie to do yow honour and plesour to the wtirmest of my powair quhone ever it sall pleis yow to charge; sae, lewing to trubill your (l) to our meting, the eternell god preserf yow in gud helthe. I praye you haue me hartelie commend to the ladie, your weif. thair is nae neuis in this cuntrie, gif thair wair, ye sauld bie aduertisit. Your sond Jhone is in gud helthe. at minnygaf, the xxii daye of

<sup>1</sup> Antony Stewart. Robert and Antony Stewart were half-brothers of Lady Garlies' late husband.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Gordon.

<sup>3</sup> Of Whithorn.

<sup>4</sup> Diet.

<sup>5</sup> Put off.

<sup>6</sup> Besides.

<sup>7</sup> Kens.

<sup>8</sup> Evidence.

of appryle.—Be yowris assurid gud frind at the vttirmeist of  
powar, Alexander Stewart.<sup>1</sup>

To the Rt honorabill  
and my maist speciell gud  
frend the loird of barinbarache.

Letter from THOMAS M'CLELLAN of Bomby to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 20th June 1580.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun, ye sall wit william  
gordoun, sone to Alex<sup>r</sup> gordoun of grange, my freind, hes bene  
schawand me that ye are of mynde to dispossess him out of his  
kyndelie rowme of apilbe, quhilk I beleif your l will nocht do,  
In respect ye vse all the rest of your vthir tennentis sa kyndelie.  
Desyrand your l to take sum ressonabill dress with him, becaus  
he is sa natyue<sup>2</sup> to your wyfe and to me, that I am detbund to  
requeist your l in this behalf. Beleiffand your l will vse him  
the kyndeliar thairfoir, And quhen it sall pleiss your l to desyre  
me with the lyke, I salbe reddie to accomplieiss your desyre, as  
knewis god, quha mot preserue your l. Off Kirkcudbrycht, the  
xx Junij, 1580.—Your l assurit freind at power,

Bomby.

To the Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup>  
and his gude freind  
The laird of  
Barnbarroch.

Letter from THOMAS KENNEDY of Bargany to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 25th June 1580.

My Lord, aftyr my hartlie commendatioune, my cusing  
Wilyom gordoune of the grange hes bein at me sundry tymis

<sup>1</sup> This seems to have been written by Sir Alexander Stewart, who succeeded his grandfather as Laird of Garlies in 1590, and was then knighted. He was the son of Dame Katherine Herries, Lady Garlies.

<sup>2</sup> Related by birth.

desyryng me to speik your (l) in his fauoris, that your (l) wald handill him in the roume of apylbe, quhilk he hes of the landis of quhithorne, fryndfully; and becauss he is my kinsman, as also kinsman to your awin wyf als neyr, I man requyst your (l) to be als frindlie to him in his roume, as your (l) is to ony other of the inhabytoris of thai lands; quhilk I can nocht doubt of, and the rathir that I requyst: and in so doing your (l) sall adet me to be to ony of your (l) als frindlie, quhen your (l) sall haif the occatioune to request me agane. Becaus I wnderstand your (l) sall haif to this effect the ernyst desyr off sindre gud frindis and nychtburis, I will nocht fasche your (l) with langer lettyr for the present, bot will commit your (l) in the protectioun of the almychty god, Wyth my hartlie commendatioun to my ant, your bedfallow, your son, and all your familie. writin of Ardstincher, this 25 of Junii, of 1580.—Be your (l) assurit at power,  
Bargany.

To my specyall gud  
frynd my Lord off  
Barnebarrathe.

Letter from UCHTRED M'DOWELL of Garthland to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 28th June 1580.

My loird, efter my werray hartlie commendatioun, forsameikill this is to schaw your (l) that barnaucht hes bene at me, declarand that the laird of lochinvar, and the tutour of crauchland, menis to handill him worrey hardlie for his landis for the tyme that wes befor he wes warnit, and I wait<sup>1</sup> your (l) knawis that thai aucht to tham na thing of tham that hes ward<sup>2</sup> landis befor thai be varnit, except the ward<sup>2</sup> malis,<sup>3</sup> quhilk will extend to fourtie silling the mark land, and this the ordour that is rycht to be done, as I understand. quhairfoir geif your (l) meitis with Lochinwar, as I here say ye will, I will pray your (l) to speik him heirin, and agre this gentil man with him; for that lytill thing fra, then be agreit the rest of the greit mater. and this prayis your

<sup>1</sup> Suppose.

<sup>2</sup> Ward, in minority.

<sup>3</sup> Rents.



(l) to do for burnaucht, as ye will do for me in this caus, as I salbe ride<sup>1</sup> to do your (l) plesar and honor. nocht douting your (l) dewtie heirin, and sua omittis to trubell your (l) with langir lettir; bot hes me maist hairtlie commendationis to your (L) bedfallow. committis your (l) to the protexion of god. from the garthland, the xxviii day of June, 1580.

Be youris Lordis schipis assureit frend  
at power wehtred M<sup>c</sup>Dowell youngur  
of garthland.

To the Rycht honorable  
and my lord of  
barnebaroch.

Letter from Sir J. GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 8th July 1580 (?).

Rycht honorable Ser, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, ye sall wit that the lard of barganie,<sup>2</sup> and garythland,<sup>3</sup> hes cumin to my freindis houss, Sanderis cambell, and hes schot furthe of the samen his wyff and barnis, and thinkis to jois<sup>4</sup> his haill landis and gudis, as it is lattin me onderstand. It is done be resone of ane gyft of ane aschet<sup>5</sup> for the bydyng fra the raid of brechen.<sup>6</sup> gyf this be resonable handillyng, Ser, I will rafar it to youris awin jugment. becauss of this greit oppressioun that is done to my seruand, and schame to my self, I will desyr yowr effectius assestance in this defens of this my gud and just caus, and thayrfor will desyr yow that ye will haf all yowris seruandis warnit aganis fryday at the sone rysing to meit yow at the moit of clugstoun<sup>7</sup> in weirlyk maner; for I intend to be vpone thwrysdag at ewin in wegtoun, for I dout nocht bot ye and all vtheris my freindis will think that I am vnresonable soycht in this behawe, and thairfor will mantene the samen, as yowris honour and myne aucht and suld, and as I salbe redde to do the lyk in yowris caus, quhen it sall happin yow to haf ado,

<sup>1</sup> Ready.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Kennedy.

<sup>3</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell of Garthland.

<sup>4</sup> Enjoy.

<sup>5</sup> Escheat.

<sup>6</sup> Staying away from the raid of Brechin.

<sup>7</sup> The Moat of Clugston.

as ye will ples to charg me. for thai that will nocht enter in sek ane honorable causs as this wyth thair freind waldbe leythe to mell<sup>1</sup> wyth it, gyf the mater war sum part askilent,<sup>2</sup> the quhilk I dout nocht in yow. I will nocht cummyr yow, Ser, wyth langar wryttin, bot I will refar the rest to my brother William, to quhom It will ples yow to gyf credeit. the rest refaring to yowris wesdom, and yowris anser agane wyth deligens, and god preserve yow in saull and body. of the kenmoir, the viii day of Julij.<sup>3</sup>—be yowris at power, lochinwer.

To the rycht honorable  
the lard of barnbaroycht.

Letter from Sir J. GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 15th September 1580. (See letter of 14th April 1579, and note to the same.)

Rycht honorable and trest freind, eftir my hartly commendatioun, it is nocht wknawn to yow that my (l) of casselis and I hes appointit to be in edinburgh the xxvi day of october to put away thir distans<sup>4</sup> betuix his (l), me, and our freindis; and ye knaw the grettest difference standis betuix his (l) and alex<sup>r</sup> gordoun. as to our awin pairtis, I trest we sall sone mak ane end. thairfoir I will verrye affecteouslie desyr yow, be ressonne that my (l) is in the cuntrye, that ye will travell with his (l) and Alex<sup>r</sup>, and sie geif ye can mak ony myd way amangis thame amecablie; for geif it cum to Jugement of freindis, I dreid it will triffl<sup>5</sup> ws owrmekle. nocht douting bot that ye will do diligence in this to bring it to ane weill, as I salbe reddye agane to do yow sic steid and plesour as lysis in me. refarran the rest to yowr awn wisdom, I committ yow to the protection of

<sup>1</sup> Loth to meddle.

<sup>2</sup> Asklant, oblique.

<sup>3</sup> If the outrage which is the subject of this letter was the cause of the feud between the Laids of Bargany, Garthland, and the tutor of Cassillis, on one side, and the Laird of Lochinvar and other Gordons on the other, the date should be 1578; but if it was merely an incident during the feud it may be in 1580 or 1581.

<sup>4</sup> Dissension.

<sup>5</sup> ? Trubil, trouble.

god. from kenmor, the xv day of September.—Yowris assurit  
freind at powar, lochinwer.

thomas m<sup>c</sup>crakkan schew  
me that ye said ye wald  
travell heirin, geif I wald  
charge yow with the samyn.

To the Rycht honorable  
and my trest freind  
The Laird of bairnbaroch.

Letter from THOMAS WAUS, Burgess of Edinburgh, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1st August 1580. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my hartle commendaseoune towartes yo lo, I  
can gat na mone fra robart hoime of the red houke, without the  
mastar of glames<sup>1</sup> feind heme casoun<sup>2</sup> to raleue heme at all  
handis. he sayes the mastar has restetet<sup>3</sup> in his handis, thair-  
foir I pray yo lo to wryt to the mastar of glames, and se  
quhatfor he stayis at; for robart home sayes that the four  
houndrethis markis es rade,<sup>4</sup> by<sup>5</sup> the four houndret ye haue  
getene. ye mane writ scharple to the mastar, for he is waray  
lasthand of hes payment to all men. gene I wald pout the  
laters to exsecuseoune, he sould gat thame souspende apone hes  
narraseoune, thairfor I pray yo lo awyis apone the next bast  
quhat es to be doine. fardar I haue nocht gotene my selwar  
fra douncan leuinstoune, bot delayes me fra day to day; thairfor  
I wald yowre (I) sould wryt heme. as to nouis<sup>6</sup> thair es nane  
here, bot all quyat. the keinges gras es in hes progras, and  
beis in abardour<sup>7</sup> the fourt of this instant, comeand hame to  
sterlin agane. hawand na fardar ocaseoune to wryt to yo lo  
at this present, bot commetes yo lo to god, with my hartle com-  
mendaseoune to yowre ladey, my yowng eme, and the rast of

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Lyon of Auldbar and Baldowie was Master of Glamis. He married  
Dame Agnes Gray, widow of Lord Home; hence his connection with Robert  
Home of the Redhouke. He was connected by marriage with Sir Patrick.

<sup>2</sup> Caution, *i.e.*, security.

<sup>3</sup> Arrested it.

<sup>4</sup> Ready

<sup>5</sup> Besides.

<sup>6</sup> News.

<sup>7</sup> The house of the Earl of Morton.

yówre famele. of edenbourgh, the furst of august, DLXXX  
yers.

Yowres at pouar thomas waus  
bourgis of edenbourght.

To the richt honorable  
and hes treist freind  
the lard of barbarack  
ane of the senatours  
of the colege of justes.

Letter perhaps from Sir THOMAS KENNEDY of Colzean to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 30th September 1580.

Broder, eftir my hartlie commendationis, fforsamekill as I  
ressauit na aduerteisment of your ryding to edinbrothe quhill  
this moniday In ardstincher,<sup>1</sup> quhilke mowit the delay of this  
berar cuming to yow, quhome now I haue send yow specialie,  
to witt gif ye may ony wayis be In maybole on setterday or  
sonday nixt, viz the fyft of october nixt to cum, for my lord of  
cassillis effairis; for I think my lord will werie to remaine there,  
and not get his bessiness at point, and his (I) Is nocht to byde  
langer nor the middis of the nixt oulk,<sup>2</sup> for maister dauid may  
remane na langer. Quhairfoir I wald that ye suld address your  
self to be In mayboill the tyme fairsaid, gif possibillie ye may,  
And that ye will preoccupy my Lord hamiltoun, and my lord  
chanceler, and try ef thame quhat Is thair opinion in thir  
materis of my lord of cassillis, and quhen thair may be had ane  
convenient meiting of thame with the rest of my lordis curatoris.  
Thir thingis ye will remember to do, and send me your speciall  
anser In wrait with this berare, bayth of your cuming, and anent  
mylord hammilton, and my lord chanceler, and how sounye ye think  
certanlie ye may be In Mayboill, with sik newis as occurris for the  
present, quhairin I pray yow to maik me speciall aduerteisment,  
and nocht to spair paper nor Ink. Referring the rest thairto, I

<sup>1</sup> The house of Kennedy of Bargany.

<sup>2</sup> Week.

<sup>3</sup> Earl of Argyle.

commit yow in godis protectioun. of ardstincher,<sup>1</sup> the penult day of september, 1580.—Be

Your broder assurit at (power)  
[Signature torn off.]

To my weilbeluifit broder  
The Laird of barnbarach.

Letter from DAME KATHERINE STEWART, LADY GARLIES, to  
the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 7th November 1580.

My lord and eme, efter my verray hartlie commendatioun, your l sall wit that I haif send furth robert, your god sonne, and Johnne dunbar with him, with the haill eidentis necesser for fulfilling of our part of the contract maid betuix ws and the young laird; And thairfoir desyreis your l, as my speciall traist and confidence is in yow, That ye will se our part of the contract fulfillit, and dischargit sufficientlie thairefter. This I man pray your l to tak panis heirin, ffor weill of me and my bairnis, ffor we haif na vthair to put suir confidence and traist in sic wechtie causis bot in your l. Referring the rest to your god sone and the berar, with my hartlie commendation to your lady, committis yowr l to the protectioun of god. ffrome Wigtoun, the vii of november, 1580,

Be youris L ant at power  
Dame katherine steward  
lady of garroleiss.

To my guid Lord  
and speciall eme  
The laird of bar-  
barroch, gif.

Letter from EDWARD MAXWELL of Hills (most probably)  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 13th February 1580-1.

My lord, efter maist hertlie commendatione of seruice, It will pleiss your ll to be aduerteist I haue bene speikand with my bruther James geddes, wha hes schawin me the greit freind-

<sup>1</sup> The house of Kennedy of Bargany.



schipe and panis, that your lordschipe hes tane in the lauboring for my kyndlie rowme of the grange, to my weill at the handis of my lord Justice clerk,<sup>1</sup> and how that your ll hes gottin the saidis landis, togidder with the fourtye merkis of annuell of lochswaid and mynnebrigis, vpoune the offer of the sowme of two thousand merkis money; of the quhilk sowme of twa thousand merkis the said James schawis me that your ll callattis the vi merkland of grange to The sowme of ane thousand pundis, the half quhair of, quhilk is the sowme of fyue hundreht pundis, is the price of my part of the saidis landis of grange, quhilk is the ane half thair of; quhairintill my lord Justice clerk<sup>1</sup> handillis me verray hardlie, in the respect of the litill proffeit that I and my foirbearis gettis thair of; and attour that neuer nane of my freindis befor me hes bene sa hardlie compellit to by<sup>2</sup> thair kyndlie rowme in this cuntrie, quhair thir landis lye. Bot nocht the les, my lord, in respect of the eschewing of sum greittar Inconvenient, That apperis to fall out thairthrow betuix me and sum of my nychtbouris, I may nocht leiff of to trubill your ll with fardar panis to end out that mater betuix the Justice clerk and me; and quhatsumeuer thing your ll promesis on my behalf I sall se releissit at sic dayis and tymis as your ll will appoint me to do. And incaiss that my awin presence be necessar, It will pleiss your ll to aduerteis your ll seruand, Johnne maxwell my freind, quha will aduerteis me, and thairefter, giff neidbeis, I salbe at your ll in all the posibill haist I may; and this, awaiting vponne your ll anser, committis your ll and youris To the protectioun of the eternall. and gif thair be ony steid<sup>3</sup> or seruice that I may plesour your ll with, ye sall haue me ridde at command as ane freind cumm of your hous. of the hillis, the viij of February, 1580.—Be yowris freind with seruice at powar,

Eduard maxwell of hillis.

[Page with address is torn off.]

<sup>1</sup> Sir Lewis Bellenden of Auchnoule.

<sup>2</sup> Buy.

<sup>3</sup> Stead, usefulness.

Letter from Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 8th February 1575-83. [Holograph.]

Broder, efter mest hartly commendasseonis, plesit yow to  
wnderstand I hayf vrettin archebald moir sindry tymis to confar  
vyth you tovching the besynes ve var in confarans in the keyrk  
of kyrkkinir; and theis thingis may nocht tak effek in sic manir  
as ve var in purposing, as my broder archebald hes vrettin to me  
he kan nocht feind that way that I may desspon, and rettourn to  
my self agan. Broder, geff that may not be, I vill in na vayis lat  
tham be in langar aventtovr, Bot rather tak my aventtovr of tham  
I geff tham on to, nor all to be in hassard. herfor, prayand yow as  
my mest speciall, in quhom I trest mest in caisis of honour and  
guid esteit of, that ye vill tak the panis to confar vyth archebald,  
and oderis of yovr famellyaris of Jugment and practik, to parfyt  
my caissis, and geff it may pas be confirmaseon, athir be resing-  
nasseon or allyanasseon,<sup>1</sup> or confirmaseon be fev<sup>2</sup> geffin be me,  
and confirmit be the king, that quhat the chargis tharof extendis  
to, geff<sup>3</sup> archebald suay mekill mony, and I sall seind it to yow  
vyth all dellygens on yovr aduarttement, or his, ye knaw the  
rettovr of ovr scher<sup>4</sup> is thre mellis, and the ten markland at the  
regovr is xxlb. as for the sellis,<sup>5</sup> or oder thingis, ye knav the  
manir, and quhat ye hayf ado in this contray in yovr absens,  
that is my poveir to do to yow, or any yow belangand, command  
me na les nor I am abill to do for my self, or any me belangand.  
suay na farder to trovbill yow at this present, Bot committis  
you to the presaruasseon of the almychty. of vittern,<sup>6</sup> the viii  
fabrovar.—be yowris broder at the ovtermost of his poveir,

To the honorabill and  
his mest speciall broder  
the lard of barnbaracht  
and lord of the collag  
of Justis.

Mochrum.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Alienation.

<sup>2</sup> Feu.

<sup>3</sup> Give.

<sup>4</sup> Share.

<sup>5</sup> Seals.

<sup>6</sup> Whithorn.

<sup>7</sup> Sir Patrick's elder brother Alexander had married the Laird of Mochrum's sister. He died in 1583.

Letter from Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 30th April 1575-83. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my mest hartly commendationis, plesit your (l) remembir consarning the besynes betuex John halthorn and the letstar,<sup>1</sup> to travall vith my lord thesurar in the parfeksyovn of sek thingis as his (l), be your (l) fauour, haid procurit at his (l) hand; in the defalt tharof is and was in hev toddis<sup>2</sup> delingis, as perhappis his part vill nocht be fovnd in rycht delling. and nov quhat your (l) kan farder parswaid vyth my lord thesurar to the effek affor past, or geff the thing past affor may be the lav stand in aveill, your (l) may be persuadit in suittan tharin. as tovxing<sup>3</sup> redis,<sup>4</sup> and absens tharin, tharis anev<sup>5</sup> to lay to his scharg, and I sall mak your l farder ressouluet geff (m) Jhon douglass hes any varning on the letstar,<sup>1</sup> and, geff suay be, I sall hayf the samin at your (l) or the xxvii day of may, quhan his probasseon is assignit. I am hemly to trubill your (l), becaus I vnderstand your (l) seruand to be slevthefeoll<sup>6</sup> quhen (or whom) the payn and hinder vell extend. and as to my part tharin, your (l) vas declarit the heill trovth tharin, that vortht ane d vortht<sup>7</sup> of his geir I nivir haid, or him pertenit, exceip the xl bollis ettis<sup>8</sup> I bovcht frae Jhon halthorn, and hes his oblygaseon of varandis tharon. suay, sesing to trovbill your (l) vyth farder letter, committis your (l) to the protection of the almychty. of egerness, the xxx of apperell.—Be your (l) assureet at pover,

Mocherovm.

mest hartly requesting your (l) to hayf me mest hartly commendit to my lord Justis clark, assuring his (l), god willing, gef I may travall, the seek myndis to vessy the seek;<sup>9</sup> and gef his (l) standis in constaint guid vill tovardis me, as I hayf down and sall to his (l), it may fovrtton<sup>10</sup> it may redoun to bayth ovr contentmenttis, as your (l) vill fardar knav vyth godis (g).

<sup>1</sup> Litstar, a dyer.

<sup>2</sup> Hew Todd's.

<sup>3</sup> Touching.

<sup>4</sup> Raids.

<sup>5</sup> Enough.

<sup>6</sup> Slothful.

<sup>7</sup> One pennyworth.

<sup>8</sup> Oats.

<sup>9</sup> The sick wishes to visit the sick.

<sup>10</sup> ? Fortune, happen, or turn out.

and gef your (l) hes any parteklaris heir, or ony your (l) par-  
tening, that I may stand in in thar fauour, as your (l) var heir,  
scharg, and tharefter your (l) vill try vordis and vork.

To the honorabill and his mest speciall broder, my lord of the  
collag of Justis, and of barnbaroch.

Letter from WILLIAM GORDON of Barquhill to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 9th April 1581.

Me Lord, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun of serveiss,  
forsamekill as ye sall resaif fra this berar the tak set be my  
fader to patrik m<sup>e</sup>connill of the v merkland of apilbe. forder I  
ame adverteissit (th)at some haif declarit your Lordschip that  
the ferme mayle, (th)at I suld delyver to your (L), is nocht  
sufficient, your (L) sall knaw tham to be lyaris in the mater,  
for it sall be as sufficient as owther the myll of penythame, or  
the myle of barglas, according to my promeiss; for geif I did  
nocht my dewtie to your (L), ye doand samekill for my Releif,  
I var vorthy to be reprovit. and forder, I haif cawsit petrik  
m<sup>e</sup>conill to com actit to yowr factor for acht bollis of mayle, and  
has xii bollis to delyver in redynes; the quhilk is xx bollis the  
quhilk is mair nor ony of yowr fermeris haif done in that contrie;  
thairfoir yowr (L) sall tak na ewill opynyone of my paymandis  
in tymes comming. I dowt nocht bot yowr (L) vill exonor me  
of byrounis,<sup>1</sup> and seik payment of thame that Resawit proffet.  
nocht ellis, bot commitis the rest to yowr (L) visdome. At Vig-  
tone, the ix day of apryle, the yeir of god a v<sup>c</sup> Lxxxi yeris.—  
Be yowris, William gordoun<sup>2</sup> of barquhulle.

To the Rycht honorabill  
and my trest freynd  
The Lord of Barbaro.  
Gef this.

Letter from Mr JOHN YOUNG, Minister at Wigtown, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 10th February 1581-2. [Holograph.]

My lord, and belowit gossep, efter my hartle salutation in the

<sup>1</sup> Arrears.

<sup>2</sup> See letters of 20th and 25th June 1580.

lord Jesus, I haff thoct it gud to advertis your L that, at my last being in edinburche, I purchast a presept and direction from the kirk to John donkanson, to desing<sup>1</sup> me my gleib and mans; the quhilk direction hes fullfillit in all pointis, and I haff oisit<sup>2</sup> letteris of inhibition, nocht onle agans the possessoris, bot agans all that pretendis enteres thairto. Nevir the les I will proceed no forder in sic thingis till I knaw your L guid will and mynd thairinto, for your L vill remember the communing betwix your L and me at barnbarrache, befor my last passing to edinburche, touching this matter, and your L promes wes to content me; upon the quhilk promes I will stay upone gud hoip. in the mein tyme I wad the possessoris war remowitt, for Jo<sup>a</sup> Millikin, and Wille Culloche, hes sa purit<sup>3</sup> that land this four yeir bygayn, withowt any enner guding,<sup>4</sup> that it is not abill to rander any frut, and yet ye wald stik still with the same, alleging a tytill of tax, and quhat guid payment your L gettis for the same your L knawis: and I will assure your L, as tuching Wille Culloche, your L myndis nocht to trubill your self with him, for he may at this present proclame and sweir him selff beir<sup>5</sup> man at every mercat croce, and thairfor I wad nocht that he possessit that land to your L henderans and myn to siklyk. the tyme is now that the yardis ar to be occupeit, and your L mynd vas, quhen I spak last with yow in edinburche, that culloche sulld remowe thairfra; bot now he is preparand to dres the yardis, and to posses bathe landis and yardis as of befor. I wad your L sat to this in tyme, and cawss richard Campbell, or sum wther, to enter a pluche<sup>6</sup> in the land in your L avn name, or els in myne, giff it be your L will, for I will posses na land withowt your Lo will and kyndnes, and at your Lo comming in the cuntre I will rander the same to yow agane; for I will staye, as I said befor, apon your L promes. and as tuching the yardis, giff your L thoct it gud, I wad ye cawsit richard Campbell to put me in possession of thame in your Lo name, befor Wille Culloche enter to the occopeing of thame, and I sall lyk wayis kepe tham till your L cumming in the cuntre, quhen your L and I sall

. <sup>1</sup> ? Design.<sup>2</sup> Oysit, used.<sup>3</sup> Poorit, impoverished.<sup>4</sup> Manure.<sup>5</sup> Bare, poor.<sup>6</sup> Plough.



apoint and agre upon all thingis to your L contentment, and myne bathe. but this your Lo sall not forget, to cawss richard campbell to seis all that is in Wille cullochis howss to your Lo instans, for gif he knawis that he man flit, he vill care<sup>1</sup> all away, and leff<sup>2</sup> the howss bare off insyght<sup>3</sup> and loftein,<sup>4</sup> as Jo<sup>n</sup> Waus did quhen he red<sup>5</sup> fra the same, and leff no thing bot the bair wallis. Marover your Lo will advertis me quhat ye haff done tuching my presentation, quhilk I left with master george younge. Nocht elss bot your lo will send in word with diligens concerning the premisses, and god preserve your Lo. from Wigtown, the tent off februar, 1581.—Your Lo gossope at command in the lord,

Jo<sup>n</sup> younge minister at Wigtown.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> Lord  
and his belouit gossope  
My lord of barbaroch.

Letter from LORD ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
4th March 1581-2.

My Lord, efter our werray hartlie commendationis, havand ressavit your lettir daitit from edy<sup>r</sup> the xv day of fabruar last wes, desyrand my mynd tueching my sone patrik, and quhidder I thocht best to send him to genawa, or retene him at hame in court, with your lo aviss thairintill. It is maist certane, and thair is na chois, gif I war able thairto, for fornesing him to genawa, or vtheris countries, for certane yeiris it war mekle best for his instructioun and upbringing in all kynd of civilitie, as also in learning the languages. Bot it is of treuthe that I am sa far inrwne in dettis, quhat be the pament of my dochteris tochergudis, the restis awand be my vmqle sone,<sup>6</sup> the tyme of his last frequenting the court thair, with vtheris expenssis maid vpoun my schippis, and tinsall of thair woiaiges, that presentlie I am in debt beyond tene thousand poundis, besyd the restis of my saidis dochteris tochergudis in maner foirsaid, and hes contractit my haill levinge to certane mercheandis of ed<sup>r</sup> for certane

<sup>1</sup> Carry.

<sup>2</sup> Leave.

<sup>3</sup> Furniture.

<sup>4</sup> Flooring.

<sup>5</sup> Cleared out.

<sup>6</sup> Henry, Master of Orkney, born about 1562, and dead at the above date.

yeiris to cum ay and quhill the same be payt. Nocht the les sall do thairintill the best I may for foryething my sone to sic thing as becumit him. Always hes thocht best in the meantyme that your lo send him our to me vpoun the first schippis that cummis for beir heir, to remane with my self ane certane space (becaus I haue nocht sene him this lang tyme), till I may mak sufficient provisioun for his dispache after to france, or genawa; for on naway cane I consider him to be meit to frequent the court as yit, bot rather may do mair evill thair nor guid. And quhair as your lo meanis that ye ar provyand for ane guid scolar of honest conversatioun to put to him, That war werray weill done, and sall be thankfullie satisfeit for his panes. As tueching ony vther purpois that your lo willis me, refairis to your nyxt aduerteisment at my sonnys our cuming, quhilk salbe performit to my pouer; Refarris thairto, Committis your lo to the protectioun of the almichtie. ffrom kirkwall in orknay, this ferd of merche, 1581 yeris. as tueching andro martene, I will on naway admitt him in my sonnys cumpany, he handillit the vther so indirectlie aganis me, and his awin weill, quhilk wes his werray tinsall and wraik in ane part.—Your lo Loving frend at pouer,

Orknay.

To my werray guid lord Ser  
 Patrik Wass lard barnebarrow  
 Lord of our souerane lordis session.

[In the previous December Lord Robert Stewart was created Earl of Orkney, and he and Sir Patrick had married sisters, daughters of Gilbert, third Earl of Cassillis. This son seems to have been brought up in his uncle's house, for in later letters he addresses him as his father. This is the earliest date at which Barnbarroch was addressed as Sir Patrick, but in December 1584 Lord Orkney addresses him as Mr Patrick.]

Acquittance by LADY GARLIES for the Teinds of the whole  
 Priory of Whithorn, 1st April 1582.

I, Dame katherine Stewart, ladie garoleis, takiswoman and

possessionar of the teyndis, fermeis, maillis, and deweteis quhat-sumeuer, perteyning the haill priorie, grantis me To haife resaut fra the Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> alexander Stewart of garoleiss saxtene schillingis money vswall of this realme, as compleit price of euerilk <sup>1</sup> boll of teynd meill and beir, for the teyndis of the fyve merkland of challaichblellyn, of the fyve merkland of Logan, of the fyve merkland of Rowchane, of the fyve merkland of over ersyk, of the fyve merkland of hillis, of the twa merkland and ane half of lytill arow, Lyand within the parrochin of glassertoun, of the fyve merkland of nether ersyk, of the vij merkland of balyequhir, and vii merk land of bischoptoun, Lyand within the parrochin of quhitherne, all within the serefdome of wigtoun of the crope of the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> four scoir yeiris, conforme to his tak, quhilk he hes of me thairof; and thairfoir dischargeis the said alex<sup>r</sup>, his airis, exe<sup>rs</sup>, and assignayis, for me, my airis, exe<sup>rs</sup>, and assignayis, for euer, Be this my acqyttance, gevin and subscryuit be the notar vnderwrittin, at my command at the clarie, the first day of aprile, the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> four scoir tua yeiris, Befoir thir witnessis, Robert steward of cardonnald, and Johne Dunbar in glenmalloch, with vtheris deuerssis.

Michael m<sup>c</sup>crekane notar publict, at the command off dame katherine steward ladie of garles, takkiswoman foirsaid, hir hand tueching the pen becaus scho culd not writt.

Robert stewart Witnes.

Johne Dunbar Witnes.

Order from the KING to attend Courts of Justiciary at  
Perth, etc., 20th April 1582.

Traist freind, We greit yow wele. Being movit with the complaintis of our subiectis, havilie oppressit with the manyfauld crymes of the weikit and Inobedient, vnpvneist be ordour of iustice, We haue concludit, be aduise of our counsale, to hald courtis of iusticiarie within the serefdomes of Perth, Striuling, and Dumbartane this somer; And consequentlie in vther partis of our realme, quhair gretest neid is: And hes maid choiss of

<sup>1</sup> Each.

you to be ane assessour to our iustice. and a compositour with our thesaurar, vpoun knowlege and gude report had of your habilitie for sic seruice, quhairinto your gudwill we traist is nathing inferiour. Desyiring yow thairfoir effectuouslie That ye will addres yow for this purpois, and be present with our thesaurar to that effect, at Perth vpoun the first day of Julij nixtocum; Betuix and quhilk day all thingis requisite in that behalf salbe prouidit and set fordwart. We haue lykuise appointit yow and the lard of Capringtoun to be present at our Justice Court, to be haldin at Drumfreis the xxvi day of Junij nixtocum, and at Lochmaben vpoun the xxviiij day of the same moneth, quhilk dyet We mon effectuouslie requeist yow to keip first, althocht the vther day at Perth be suddane thaireftir, quhilk we sall caus be continewit for sum dayis thaireftir, that ye may convenientlie repair thairto, Sen our deliberatioun is to vse your aduise and seruice in baith. And sa, luiking to vnderstand be your anser quhat salbe certanlie lippynnit for at your hand, that this work be not mislippynnit, Committis yow in the protectioun of the almyttie. At Striuling, the xx day of apriple, 1582,

James R.

To our traist Freind the Laird of Barnbarroch

Senatour of our College of Justice.

Letter from Mr ROBERT STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 14th May 1582.

My lord, Eftir maist hummle commendatioun of seruice, this present salbe to schaw your (l) that I comed nocht furthrow at this tyme. the laird of myrtoun<sup>1</sup> culd nocht be in reddines, and I culd nocht cum wythout him; yit nocht wythstanding that mater sall end betuene him and me, quhair throw your (l) maye be satisfyed to your (l) contentment. anentis the contribution your (l) and I sall compt, and whin and quhar your (l) wantis, your (l) salbe weill payit. as for siluer now send, I can nocht get ane pennye for na laubor I dow mak. I haue newir resaut ane pennye of the Lxxxij yers as yit, bot lettis it lye

<sup>1</sup> Sir Archibald M'Kie.

still to paye your (l) wyth ; your (l) salbe fyrst payit. your (l) writ in your (l) last letter to me that my laird of orknaye wald nocht set ane new tak, and the ladye is weill myndit to end wyth your (l) according to the contrak maid of befor ; quhairfor I think best your (l) contenew, all thingis betuix your (l) and hir to your (l) cuming in the cuntre, gif it be your (l) pleasour, and thair your (l) maye end all besines betuix yow wyth faouure. I writ to your (l), and desyrit your (l) counsell how I suld do anentis the maistres of wchiltre,<sup>1</sup> and the teindis of clymodde,<sup>2</sup> quhilk the laird of garles intromettis wyth ; for I can get na payment of thame, quhairfor your (l) man send me counsell quhow I sall vse that mater, and anentis the ladye of garleis,<sup>3</sup> the laird is putting hard at hir yit, to get the tak, quhilk scho nawayis will consent to, and he is werray angre at the sammen. thair is bot tua halkis in nest of kyrkmaiden this year ; quhidder thai be halkis or terssellis I can nocht tell, bot the laird hes Johone Stewart, riche of the craicharis<sup>4</sup> sone, keipand thame. the guid man of the garrere<sup>5</sup> and the laird ar aggreit. as for wther newis, thair is nane in this cuntre, nocht troubling your (l) wyth forder letter for the present, committis yowr (l) in protection of god. of the claire, the xiiij daye of Maj, 1582.<sup>6</sup>—Yowr (l) humil Servand

Mr Robert Stewart.

To my speciall gude  
loird my laird of  
Barnbarroch.

Letter from WILLIAM DUNBAR of Craiglaw, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, probably March 1582. [Holograph.]

Me lord, eftir my humell commendation of seruece, I haif resaut your L writin the xv of this Instant of merche, consid-

<sup>1</sup> Margaret Stewart, widow of Andrew Stewart, Master of Ochiltree.

<sup>2</sup> Now Claymoddie.

<sup>3</sup> Catherine Herries, widow of Alexander Stewart, younger of Garlies, and mother of the Laird of Garlies.

<sup>4</sup> Richie of the Craigairys son.

<sup>5</sup> Now Garrarie.

<sup>6</sup> This date should be 1583.



dering your L mynd thair intell, and quhair your L thinkiss it best I keip my Awne possessioun this yeir, I mene nocht sa to do. Sua your L kyp your hand wryt, quhairin I dowit nocht that your L will alter for na manis persuation ane <sup>1</sup> way for veolatting of your L honour And treuthe, and ane wther way for the gud will I haif to serif your L nocht with e <sup>2</sup> seruece, as ane man plesair; bot with my hart In word and work, as ony that hecht <sup>3</sup> your L name sall be ebill to do to my lyffis end; and albeit your L mycht get mair profite for the Roume, I will nocht beleif that your L will change me with ane wther, albeit your L mycht do it without hurt of your L honour, and breik of your L hand wryt: and howbeit that Sandiris grewe speikis outwartle <sup>4</sup> that he will nocht keip promes, I will nocht beleif he will sua contennow. It is be(in) throw sum falss report he hes gottin, and will nocht contennow thair (in, for) he knawis the trewth. further quhair (L) wryttethe that gif I deliver nocht the Lady Garleiss syluir to tome kynnady <sup>5</sup> your L will hold me for ane promess breker, quhilk I was never haldin for yet to sempiller <sup>6</sup> men nor your L, quhom I men to sereif quhill I leif. And your L be remembirit eftir our coutraking, quhen I desyrit your L to pout <sup>7</sup> nocht at me for the lady garleiss catioun, bot tak It of hir self, your L wald nocht grant that, bot bad me put at hir for releif, and your L wald superseid me quhill I mycht haif laser to obtene it of hir; and this wynter fra I departit fra your L god weseit me sa hevele <sup>8</sup> I culd nocht pout at hir, nother be the law nor wther wayis quhill within this v wolkis, <sup>9</sup> bot I sall pout at hir sa sounne as I may, and, or your L be crabit, your L sall hald als mekill of the fyf hundrthe merkis, your L swld gif me at Wytsonday, with the hundrethe merkis that your L Is cum dettur to gilbart agnewe, quhais discharge I haif. and farther I besyik your L to causs tome kennady gif me the xx lib, that your L commandit him to gif me aneis, <sup>10</sup> and he sayis your L hes descommandit him agane: I pray your L send ane teket with this boy to causs him deliver it to me for ony

<sup>1</sup> Any.<sup>2</sup> Eye.<sup>3</sup> Names.<sup>4</sup> Outwardly.<sup>5</sup> Tom Kennedy.<sup>6</sup> Simpler.<sup>7</sup> Put at, prosecute.<sup>8</sup> Heavily.<sup>9</sup> Five weeks.<sup>10</sup> Anee, once.

seruece I am ever ebill to do your L. I will nocht trwbell your L with langer letter, bot hoippis for your L guid mynd, as my hartle seruce sallbe bent to your (l) now and ever; and sua committs your L to the protectioun of the creator of heuyne and erthe, quha moit preserif your L in helthe and honour to the end. of cragloy the xvi of this Instant of merche be your L seruand eftir his power of seruece. William Dunbar In Cragloy.

To the ry<sup>t</sup> honorabill and his

(M) Patryk vauce of  
Barnbarothe and lord of the Session.

Bond of Kindness between NINIAN ADAIR of Kenhilt and  
the LAIRD of BARNBARROCH.

We, Mr Patrick Wass of Barnebarrocht, ane of the senatouris of the colledge of Justice, on the ane part, and Niniane Adair of Kenhilt younger on the uther part, be the faith and treuthe in our bodyis lelilie and trewlie byndis and oblissis us hinc inde to utheris in maner efter following; That is to say that we, and ather of us, be our selfis, our kynsmen, freyndis, seruandis, adherentis, allia assistaris, dependaris, and partakeris, sall at our power mantene, supple, and defend the uther during our lyfetymes, and sall tak ane afald,<sup>1</sup> trew, and plaine pairt in all and sindrie actionis, causses, and querelis, in the law, and by <sup>2</sup> the law, concerning us, or ather of us, fra this day furth during our lyfetymis, aganis all maner of personis that leiffis, and die may; Our soverane lord, and the erle of cassillis being alanerlie exceptit for the part of me, the said Mr Patrick, and our soverane lord, and being alanerlie exceptit for the part of me, the said Niniane; And this present bond to be als sufficient to that effect, as gif the samen wer extendit in maist ampill forme.

Niniane Adair.  
of Kenhelt younger.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick]

Kynheltiss band and myne  
of kyndis.

<sup>1</sup> Honest.

<sup>2</sup> Within and without the law.

I Mr patrick Wauss of barnebarrocht, ane of the senatouris of the college of Justice, be the tenor heirof byndis and oblissis me, my airis and assignais, to ane honorabill man, Niniane Adair of Kenhilt younger, his airis and assignais, that I sall nather contract or resave bandis, obligationis, infestmentis, assignationis, nor uther dispositionis of quhatsumeuir landis, rovmes, nor possessionis, nor rychtis thairof, nor of na annualrentis owt of the samen, directlie nor Indirectlie, be my self, nor na uther mediate persoun, fra David Makcullocht of Druchtag, nor alisone Dunbar his spous; nor that I sall na wayis fill, nor gif information, nor consent to the filling, of the blank betuix the Lady Drouchttag hir spous and me, submittit to me as oversman be the saidis Niniane on the ane part, and the said Laird of Druchtag and his spous on the uther part; quhilk is now in the handis of Mr Johne Scharp advocat, without the speciaal avise, counsell and expres consent of the said Niniane and his forsaidis, or than be the extremitie of the law had and obteint thairto, under the paine of perjurie and defamatioun, and, gif I do in the contrair, the samen to be null, and of nane avail, quhairunto I consent now as than, and than as now, of my awn certane knowlege.

[Not signed, but written on the fly leaf of the preceding paper, and in the same handwriting.]

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR of Kenhilt to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 9th June 1582. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my hertlie commendatioun, and your L be rememberit, thair is ane contract past betuix your L and me, ye takand the burding on yow for the ane part, and I for the utheris; quhilk contract, me Lord, is verie strictlie kept to me as yit, quhairfoir, me lord, seing the grit sowmes of money, togidder with thrie or four hundreth merkis worth of horses, and as I sall mak your L compt of abone sex hundreth merk of siluer, and I sall gif your L the man and the laif and all; quhairfoir my Lord I will wiss your L keepit the pointtis of your con-

tract with me, and gif me your part of it, as I have debursit it, or than, me Lord, excuss me, for I will onnays<sup>1</sup> keip the contract with nor thame, quhome ye ar bund for. ffor trewlie, me Lord, I have v<sup>c</sup> merkis on my credit in Ed<sup>r</sup>. that ouklie<sup>2</sup> I pay iiij<sup>d</sup><sup>3</sup> for the pund, quhilk, my Lord, seing I gait na thing of yow, your L man to redound<sup>4</sup> the half of all that I gif for it, ffor I can craif nane for it bot your L; quhairfoir I pray yow to faill nocht to causs send out with this berar four or fyve hundredreth merkis, quhair throw sic thingis may be keipit, quhilkis I have tane on my credeit; vtherwayis I can onnawayis byd at that contract, And I pray yow lat thame see this writing direct to your L. god knawes quhat it hes bene to me sen your L departing out of the toun. We have reducit the decreit of bastardie, we have rasit the commissioun to four judges diligattis, and your L sall sie ane breif, direct home heir, to serue cristiane as air to hir mother for the landis within Galloway; and thair man be ane inqueist of the cuntrey summond to cum furth to Ed<sup>r</sup> to be upoun hir service, and this will as ane generall service to serve hir as air unto hir mother; quhairfoir I man lippan to your ll to speik the man ye wait of to see quha sowld be summond vpoun the inqueist, Becauss thai know tham that is narrest hand better nor I do at the leist. I think thay sowld be summond are Mr Jo<sup>n</sup> ramsay in Lytilldruchtag,<sup>5</sup> the Laird of Killinton, and sic utheris as your L and thay thinkis guid; thair will be anow gottin to be summond upoun the mercat day. ffarder ye sall wit I have mekill mair cummer of the breif of Sanctandrois, for nather will the breif of chancellarie, nor the commissioun of the Lordis, serue for thay landis, bot man force have ane commissioun of the bischopes awin, and his awin breif within his awin regalitie, or than ane commissioun be him direct to the Lordis thair, that he dispenses with the Judges past in the uther commissioun, and thair L licens to hald his court in the tolbuith of Ed<sup>r</sup> lyk as the other commissioun beiris. And gif I dow not obtene this, It is force to me to pass to Sanct Androis, and thair mak the service within the regalitie of the

<sup>1</sup> ? On nawayis.<sup>2</sup> Ouklie, weekly.<sup>3</sup> Fourpence.<sup>4</sup> Refund.<sup>5</sup> Now Little Drouchtage.



bischoprie, thairfoir I pray your L to respect all thir trawellis and expensses, and causs thame understand that hes to do with it, or ellis I can nocht keip na promise that I have promesit to yow, in that I think it verrie neidfull that ye lat tham sie this writting, ffor I can writt na thing to thame bot that thing that I haue rehersit heir, quhilk your L is meitest to confer with thame in ; Becauss I haue na thing to do with thame, bot only with yow. ffarder I man requeist your L in my awin fauoris to furneiss me ane thrie or four hundreth merkis upoun my awin heretage for proffit, lyk as I have ressaut fra your L affoir. ye knaw the sowme of aughtene hundreth merkis, and in the same reuersiounis that sam sowme sall be ikit<sup>1</sup> to the first ; and your L to have proffit thairfoir conforme to the first contract, that ye haue sesing in Kildonan. I dout nocht bot ye will tak paneis to do this, in caiss ye take it fra utheris your selff, ffor your L knawis in quhat estait it standis in to me ; I neid nocht to reheirss it. Thair is na newis, my Lord, in this cuntrey, bot sic as your L hes hard the banischment of Johne Durie out of Edr and the taking of the redar that come to gif the chairge to the bischope of glasgow in the name of the generall assemblie, quha gaif the chairge in Dalkeyth, and the king and Duik wes verrie craibit with it, and gart tak him aud put him in blaknes. ye sall wit that ro<sup>t</sup> Sempell the poyet is tane out of Edr be fyve or sex men of weir to Dalkeyth, and it is allegit that he and Johnne cairnis sowld have bene in berwick, triffiging with sum inglismen. ye sall wit this fryday last wes thair hes bene verrie proud wordis betuix the Duik and my Lord Lyndsay, and that in the kingis awin chalmer ; the ground is concerning the religioun. the Duik allegit that he wes ane mantenar and counsalie gevar to the ministeris of thar raling that thay mak aganis him. Nocht ellis, bot I pry your L respect me, and the estait of this causs, as your L aucht in all respectis ; and your ll anser in writ agane with this beirar. Your L man direct sa mony writtingis to sa mony in the sessioun as your L thinkis guid in the favoris of my causs, and the reducioun of thair evidentis ; for althocht scho be servit air generall, scho can not

<sup>1</sup> Eked, *i.e.*, added.



be servit in speciall quhill the reduction of thair evidentis, quhilkis is past of befoir, quhilk your L (w)<sup>1</sup> will considder; with my hartlie commendatioun to your self, your Lady my ant, and your sone, with the rest of all the bairnis. frome Ed<sup>r</sup> the ix of Junie 1582.

Niniane Adair.  
of Kenhilt Younger.

To the ry<sup>t</sup> Honorabell,  
and my speciall Eme,  
my Lord of Barne-  
barroch this be  
Delyuerit.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY (probably of Blairquhan) to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 10th June 1582.

My Lord, efter my warie hartlie commendationis of service, for samekill as I am informit that your (l) is trawelland with waltir Douglas of clugistoun to haif the entres and place of him, that he heis of the landis of stranrawir, quhilk is my wyffis kyndlie rowme and possessioun, and heis pertenit to hir, as also hir predecessouris, thir mony yeiris by gane, the quhilk I will one na wayis beleif, nor gif credeit vnto the reportis and bruttis, that cumis to my eris of the samen, that your (l) will do ws that vnkyndlie hindir, and hurt, as to bestowe ony geir vpone that rowme, quhilk sa propirlye pertenis wnto ws, and spacialie lying in our dur, seing that this puir houss nevir profest thame selfis vther wayis to your (l), or ony of youris, bot to do all the freindschip and gud will that mycht haif lying in thair poweris to do at all tymes, quhen your (l) plesit to put thame to charge, thairfoir I will maist ernistlie pray your (l) for sic pleser, service, and guid will, that evir may ly in my power to do your (l), that ye will of your guidnes do me that guid freindschip, and kyndnes, as to laif of fra ony ferthair persuit, or ony vther in your (l) name, of our propir and kyndlie rowme and possessioun, the quhilk I dout nocht bot your (l) will do ws that weill and profite, as my hoip and traist is, and salbe, in your (l) in

<sup>1</sup> Probably for "wisdom."

doing of the samen; in respect I vnderstand that your (l) may bestowe your siluer vthair wayis, to als guid effect as vpone ony freindis rowme, that kyndlie pertenis to your self; for it is of trewhit, gif your (l) will do me that freindschip and kyndnes, as to laif of frome ferther suitting of that land, we will gett the samen better cheip be the ane half, nor it will be vnto ws, gif your (l) will insist. and luiking for your (l) assistance and freindschip heirinto, I will laif to trubill your (l) with langer lettir at this present; and sua, desyryng your anser of the sam with this berar, I commit your (l) in the protoctioun of almychty god. of Sanct Johnis chappel, this tent of Junii, 1582.—Be youris (l) brothir to be comandit with service,

Jhon kennedy.

To the Rycht honorabill and my warie  
guid lord, my lord of Barnebarrach  
this be deliuerit.

Letter from MARGARET, MISTRESS OF OCHILTREE, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 15th June 1582.

Brother, efter maist hartlie commendationis, having the commoditie of the beriar, I haue thocht guid be this present to signifie to yow that I haue send chargis with mr alex<sup>r</sup> kinross for delyuering the hous of Crugilton. Quhairfoir I will request yow to speik M<sup>r</sup> robert stewart thairanent, for gyf he will delyuer the samen with out farther preice, I haue commandit nocht to put the chairge to executioun. my lord tresaurar<sup>1</sup> hes directit letters to intromet with the tenentis of the lordschip of quhithorne guidis and geir, quhilk is at the horne to my instance; Bot gif thai will mak payment of that, quhairof they ar addettit to me, I sall do guid will to caus my lord be favorabill till ye rest of that geir. Vtherwayis, gif thai will nocht, I will not stay his lordschip to vse na extremitie aganis thame.<sup>2</sup> nocht douting bot ye will gif thame your guid counsall heir-

<sup>1</sup> Earl of Gowrie.

<sup>2</sup> See entries in three previous years in *Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iii., for this dispute about Crugilton.

anent, and caus thaim do that that may be maist for thair awin weill. Sua luiking that ye will caus delyuer the money quhilk restit of our last compt to Mr alex<sup>r</sup>,<sup>1</sup> to wit vii<sup>xx</sup> iiij merkis; with my maist loving commendatioun to my ant, your bedfallow, desistis till new occasioun; vntill quhilk tyme committis yow to the protectioun of god. fra edy<sup>r</sup>, the fyvetene of Junij, 1582,

Be your loving and assurit  
sister Margaret  
mestres wehiltre.

To hir weilbelowit brother  
the lard of barnbarroch.

Letter from MARGARET, MISTRESS OF OCHILTREE, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 16th June 1582.

Brother, efter maist hairtlie commendatioun, I ressavit your lettre, quhilk I understand that I wald ken hes summonit yow to here Lettres gevin upoun the gift of lord Robert Stewartis escheit,<sup>2</sup> the copy quhairof I have ressavit, and sall nocht fail to caus my man of law attend vpoun the actioun, quhen it is callit. Bot as yit I here nathing thair of; Bot I intend this Wedinsday to gar call the Lettres, and get me protestatioun aganis him, quhilkis I culd not do sonar, becaus my serviture, Mr Alex<sup>r</sup> kinross, haiffing my lettres in keiping, hes bene in Dowglas sen the second day of this instant Junii; at quhilk tyme I directit him to pas thairfra unto galloway with diligence; And sua I mervell that his nocht cumit as yit. Bot I understand be ane lettre ressavit fra him, the occasioun of his remaining sa lang in dowglas was becaus he was ressaving sum teindis of myne thair; Bot he will nocht fail to be in galloway about the end of this oulk, at quhilk tyme I will pray yow to caus the tennentis mak payment unto him, to the effect thai be nocht put to farther extremitie. Sua, with my maist hairtlie commendationis unto your bedfellow, committis yow to the protec-

<sup>1</sup> Kinross.

<sup>2</sup> Lord Robert was put to the horn on 9th June 1580 for not giving up Cruilton to her.

tioun of the omnipotent. fra ed<sup>r</sup>, the xvi of Junij, 1582.—Be  
 your loving sister assurit to pouer, Margaret  
 mestres wechiltry.

Letter from Mr JOHN SHARPE to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
 29th June 1582. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter maist hartlie recommendatioun, To your letteris, quhilk I ressavit from the berar, I wrait ane anser Immediatele efter the ressait thair of being In effect that I lykit weill of your Informatioun In this mater persewit at the instance of walter kerr; And I think it sall serve weill to the purposs, quhen the principall causs sall be handillit: Bot presentlie I think it best to excuse your (l) be our soueranis service, Sa that I trust that mater sall rest Till we may haiff conference. your boy hes bene taryit till now be the<sup>1</sup> occation for seking of sum evidentis, the tikkettis quharoff ar left in the coffiris; sa Johne kenedy hes ressavit the keyis to be delyverit to your (l), for I am of mynde that, althocht euery ane of vs will vther credit That all thingis sall be done as honeste and dewtie requiris, we haiff bene In many hard suitis with the larde of lochinvar In thir materis of Glenluce, the particular quharoff wer langsam to writt; And we thocht the lardis moyane to be gretar nor we supponit, And surelie mair strange nor your (l) will beleiff; Yit all materis ar weill persewit in the xx of nouember nixttocum. I am nocht certane giff your (l) sall Ressave this letter, becaus giff your L sould kepe tryist the last of this Justice heir at Edy<sup>r</sup> according to your promeis, This letter man meit yow: be the way as ever it be, I rest to our meiting; Efter my hartlie commending to the lady, I committ yow bayth to the protectioun of the everlesting. ffrom Edy<sup>r</sup> the penult of Junij.—Be your (l) at the vttermest to be comandit,

Jo Schairpe.

To My Very gude Lord  
 my lord of Barnbarro  
 Ane of the senatoris of the  
 college of Justice.

<sup>1</sup> Word illegible.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
30th June 1582.

My Lord, Efter my hartlie commendatioun of service, I haif resauit your writting, with vther sex messiuéis, fra your servand gilbert pirrie, with tua keyis. your (L) sall Resaue the anseris of fyve of your (L) writtingis. Your (L) wit M<sup>r</sup> patrik quhyt-law wes nocht In this toun this mony dayis, for he is out of office this lang tyme; mair your (L) wit your servand wes haldin aganis his will Be the tutor, Becaus thay had daylie ado with the keyis for letteris getting of letteris, as the tutor and M<sup>r</sup> Johnne<sup>1</sup> hes writting to your (L). the tutour hes tane out of the cofferis the pensioun of glenluce, with the letteris of bail-erie, and the saising thairof, with vther thrie peceis; the numer of the haill is vi peice, As the tutouris writting beiris, put in the samen kist. as tueiching your woddis, I deliuerit thame to the cadger except thrie pece of gold, That wes In wod of threttie pund. The wyf hes haldin me four pund peice, and ane angell of gold; the dukat I haif it, and sall deliuer the same to your (L). The woman alledgis thair is alss mekill restand of stok and profeitt; I haif the haill compt writtin be dauid your servandis hand, and hir alledgance. I sall mak compt with dauid at meitting, quhilk salbe sone with goddis grace; Bot glenluce makis ws ane greit hinder. Sibilla drummond hir actioun standis as it wes, and sick lick cumnokis and capreintoun. as for the kirk and curtissioneris, it is like to be war nor euer it was. The minsteris and certan of the Lordis to ressone the effairis of the kirk and minsteris, and could nocht agrie. The duke<sup>2</sup> hes the bischop of glasgow<sup>3</sup> In his cumpany In the

<sup>1</sup> Mr John Sharpe (see previous letter).

<sup>2</sup> Duke of Lennox.

<sup>3</sup> Mr Robert Montgomery, minister of Stirling, had been appointed Bishop of Glasgow by the Duke of Lennox on the decease of the former bishop, Boyd. The General Assembly of the Church forbade him to accept the See; and having appointed the Rev. John Durie to advise with the Presbytery of Stirling, proceeded to excommunicate him (Montgomery) for disobeying them. Durie had taken an active part in the controversy, and had been before the Council for certain words used by him. In Calderwood's "History of the Church of Scotland," we find, in p. 127: "This same day (27th June 1582) John Durie was



dispyte of the kirk. the duke hes purchest ane charge of the kingis (g) to benneis Johne durie.<sup>1</sup> the hail kirk and minsteris had ane conventioun in edy<sup>r</sup> This last weddninsday, and hes concludit that Johne durie shall nocht be beneist, Say the contrarie quha will; quhill thay be all beneist on ane day, quhilk day I feir salbe our sone. It is concludit be the counsall that thair salbe iustice airis in all speciall tounes within scotland In august nixtocum, all in ane day, with sick commissioneris as the king (g) will deput to be In euerie schire. wit ye Jone Durie is at hame Into his awin houss, as we knaw all, and sall nocht leif the toun quhill thai be Benneist all in ane day. Sen I writ the former part of this letter It is gart me vnderstand that Johnne durie sall leif the toun, quhill materis work better for trubling of the commounwelth, as is alledgit the xxviii day of this Instant. the tutour of cassillis and the Laird of Lochinvar hes bein In greit cumer. be the solistatioun of the Lordis the Laird of garvanmanis and the tutour is agrieit, and gervanmanis gane hame, and hes renoncit the suit of his actioun; The quhilk the laird of Lochinvar is discontentit with. nochtwithstanding of garvamanis renunsing the actioun, the Laird of Lochinvar is admittit to haif entres contrer the tutour in the parsuit of this actioun for the abbot. And that becaus Mr Johnne scharpe oursaw himself in admitting of the Laird of Lochinwar in the beginning. Beiand misadmittit be Mr Johnne, the Lordis could not refuse it thairefter, quhilk crabit the tutour for ane day; nochttheless on the nixt day the tutour hes producit xxi peceis of writtis befor the Lordis, The partie nocht to

charged by a macer to depart out of Edinburgh. Some brethren were directed to the Duke, to desire him to remove Mr R. Montgomerie, excommunicat, out of his company, and to admonish him, if he continue disobedient, the Assemblie will proceed against him according to their Acts. He answered, 'Interrogate whether the King or the Kirk be superior; that he had the command of the king and his council to intertaine him, and till he were contramanded he would not remove him.' "

<sup>1</sup> Durie, on receiving the charge, had publicly departed, leaving his protest at the market-cross, and accompanied to the outskirts of the town by an admiring and sorrowing crowd of his brother ministers and others.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iii., p. 489.

haif Inspectioun of the pecis quhill litill afoir the day, quhilk continewatioun is to the xx day of november nixtocum, and ane protestatioun admittit to the earle of cassillis and tutour; gif thai haif ony writtis that may help thair causs it salbe hard at the day appointit. thair is nocht ane hat to be had of the sort your (L) wald haif. the Laird of bargany can get nathing done in his effairis. I haif gevin your boy threttein s iiijd to his expenssis in toun. m<sup>r</sup> ro<sup>t</sup> creichtoun is deid, and m<sup>r</sup> dauid makgill is enterit in his office. thir is all the last newis I haif presentlie. Haifing na farder ocation at this present, bot committis your (L) to the keiping of the eternall god, with my hartlie commendatioun to the Lady. writtin from edy<sup>r</sup>, the last of Junij.—Be yowris servand at power, Johne kennedy.

[The outer sheet with the address is torn off].

Letter from the EARL OF GOWRIE to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 6th August 1582.

Brother, eftir maist hertly commendationis, At Last the Kingis Majestie, with auiss of his Counsall, hes resoluit vpoun the halding fordward of the iustice courtis in this tyme of vacance, apoynting to euerie commissioun sic as he thinkis sall be maist hable for his seruice in that pairt; having a verie guid opinioun of your self, as a man affectionate to further the pvneischment of offendouris, to quyet the cuntrey, and procure his hienes commodetie, And seing a part of the relief of my greit and wechty burding<sup>1</sup> consistis in your diligence and gud will, I will effectuously requyre yow to be myndfull thair of, And to be vpoun a reddines to pas fordwart to the iorney of the north, for halding of the courtis thair, agane sic tyme as my Lord of Thirlustane<sup>2</sup> sall gif yow aduerteisment; quho is presentlie tayreit vpoun sum courtis that the Duke<sup>3</sup> haldis be commissioun, sua that I think ye may spend ane greit part of this moneth in your awin effairis, befor he can be reddy. Alwyis I will pray yow to be on a reddiness as he aduerteisis, for, as I

<sup>1</sup> He was Lord Treasurer.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Maitland.

<sup>3</sup> Duke of Lennox.

put yow humlie to paynis, sua sall ye fynd me na less reddy to do for yow, quhairin my trawell and paynis may awaill. The Court of Drumfreis is continewit to the xx of October, quhair my Lord of Arran<sup>1</sup> is appoynted to be lieutenant, sua that ye will haue sufficient tyme to accomplieiss your iorney in the north, and returne thairto agane in convenient tyme. I res-saued neuir word frae you sen your hame passing, albeit I wrait laitlie fra Edinbrucht with ane boy of your awin; bot I vnderstude be the clerk register that ye past to Drumfreiss, beleifand the Court had haldin thair, quhairof I was sorie that ye suld haue maid sic waist trawell. the clerk Register sayis that the letteris come ane moneth eftir the daitis thairto to his handis. The Kingis Majestie is heir presentlie at my houss, and pas herfra ane of thir tuo dayis to Athoill to the hunting, and is to be ewist<sup>2</sup> they partis, and about Glasgow, befor the end of this moneth. All thingis heiraway continewis in gude quyet; And sua hertlie desyring to vnderstand of your weillfair, I ceiss for the present, Committing yow to god. At Ruthven, the sext of August, 1582.—Your lowing and assured brother.

Gowrye.

To our brovdyer the Layrde of  
Barnbarrache.

Order from the KING to attend Justice Courts,  
8th August 1582.

Traist freind, We greit yow weill. having with avise of Counsale resolvit baith anent the following furth of the Justice Courtis in this tyme of vacance and appoynting to everie commission sic as we think maist hable for that service, We have maid choise of yow to that effect, as ane affectionat to forder the punishement of offenderis, quyet the cuntrey, and procure oure commoditie. And thairfor will desyre yow rycht affecteously to accept upoun yow the commissioun, Awayt thairon, And do quhat lyes in yow to the furtherance of the work, as ye will do

<sup>1</sup> James Stewart, second son of Lord Ochiltree.

<sup>2</sup> Ewest, near.

us hartlie pleser, and gude seruice. Thus we committ yow to God. from Ruthven, the viii of August, 1582,

James R.

To oure traist frynde the Laird of Barnbarroch  
ane of the Senatouris of our College of Justice.

Letter from the EARL OF GOWRIE to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 10th August 1582. [Holograph.]

Broder, efter maist hertly commendatioun, I resauit your letter from the berar, being at ruthwen, this frydday att nycht, quhairby I persaeue quhat furset travell ye haue tain att dyveris tymes, and specialle now, for keipping of the dyet appointit for halding of the airis of the northe, for want of aduertisment in tym convenient, quhilk procedit nocht altogidder of my negligens, as ye suspect, bot for lak of resolutione in dew tym be the kingis mat<sup>es</sup> cunsell, quha lut the dyettis approche sa neir, as it wes impossybill to giff aduertisment of the contenuations in convenient tym. And howsoun I vnderstud certainly that my L duk hed travlit for my Lord of thirlstanis stay vpone his effar, I writt to yow Imediatlye to stay att haym to sic tym as he suld gyff yow aduertisment to cum fordward, quhilk wretting I persaeue is nocht as yit cum to your handis: ther wes ane letter of the king mat<sup>es</sup> also send therwith. I wyst nocht quhill the day that the Duk departit fray this, that he wald stay my (l) of thirlstain vpone his turnis, bot I am sorye that ye suld mak samekill waist travell, besyd the expensis, quhilk gud reassone wuld, suld be rememberit, and sall nocht be onrecompensit on my part. ye may on na ways be sparit fray that Jurnay, bot for the tym that thei curtis suld begyn, and quhat speciall day, I refer that to the resolutione of my Lord of thirlstain, and the clerk of reg<sup>rie</sup>, with quhom I think meit ye confer thervpone, becaus I am nocht abill presently to resolue yow heirin, and am incerten how lang or short the duk sall occupy my L thirlstain in his effaris.

Bott I luk to your labouris and trawell to be releuit of sum

part of the grett dett I haue tain on for the kingis mat<sup>tes</sup> frindsing<sup>1</sup> and service, quhilk I sall nocht be vnwilling to acquyt, as I may haue the commodite to do yow pleser. And sua for the present I commit yow to godis almychte protectione. At ruthwen, this x of august.—Your Lowing and assurit broder at pouer,

Gowrye.

To his weilbelowit broder  
the Laird of barnbarrach  
Senatour of our souerane lordis  
College of Justice.

Portion of Letter by Mr JOHN YOUNG, Minister at Wigtown,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 21st September 1582.  
[Holograph.]

I man stik with thes wrange, as I haff done with mone mair sen I cam heir, for strangeris, allthocht thai be off newir sa greyt athorite, ar nocht regardit in this place. And trewlie, my lord, I thocht that no man suld haff shuvin<sup>2</sup> him a better freind to me, nor your serwand richard Campbell, quha, althocht he hed nocht bein baillye, yet In respect that he ves your (l) Serwand, he acht till haff diffendit my Just cawss. bot Surle, my lord, I had nocht a greitter enneme than he. for besydis the InJurus wordis that he spak to me, he wald haff fochtin In diffense off that woman aganis me, as the provost and the town clerk can testife: bot I man tak his doinge as a punisment from god, becawss I haff borne sa lang with his smaikre<sup>3</sup> and hurdom wnpunisit; And now, my lord, besydis the wrangis Sustenit, the<sup>4</sup> haff spullyet my howss, and takin away Sindre geir; for the<sup>4</sup> brak owp the doweris, and hes spulyat and takin away Sindre thingis, to my greyt losse and hurt, quhairfor I dissyr your (lo) to hellp me to get remeid off thir InJuris, for I haff nayne wther to complein to bot to god and yow.

forder It Is lattin me onderstand that thair Is a certan narrative maid to your (lo), that I haff maid Sum alteration In

<sup>1</sup> This may be for "friendship"—frennesin, frenzy, or frennezic, a trifle, would not make sense. It is perhaps for an old form of the word "furnishing."

<sup>2</sup> Shown.

<sup>3</sup> Roguery.

<sup>4</sup> They.



the place. tuchinge the gabill Chamber, your (lo) sall wit I haff done nathing bot renewit sic thingis as was In danger; for quhen Wille Culloche departit he left that dour oppin, quhairthrow the beddis sydis, and loftein,<sup>1</sup> was stollin, and takin away. besydis this It ves all revin<sup>2</sup> abone, and the loftis and gestes<sup>3</sup> rottin, as your (lo) sall persave at metinge, and all thingis that I haff renewit ar In place, for quhow I resavit that place patrik blayne<sup>4</sup> can testiffe. nocht els, bot comitis your (lo) In the protection off the almychte, and lukis eftir your anser. from vigtown, the xxi off September, 1582.—Your (lo) at comand In the lord Jesus,

Jo<sup>n</sup> Yownge minister at vigtown.

To his belowit Master  
In the lord Jesus  
My lord off barnbarache.

[The Rev. John Young seems to have been recently appointed minister of Wigtown (see p. 236). It shows the lawlessness of the times that the manse should have been plundered to the extent he describes; and we note that box-beds were in use, as he complains that the "beddis sydes" were stolen. We shall hear of the Rev. John Young again.]

Letter from JOHN BLANE (?), Procurator for the Town of Whithorn, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH and the PRIOR, 20th October 1582.

My lord, efter ovr werray hartly commendationis of sarwis, It will pleiss your (ll) till wnderstand the complant of the twa part of our thoun, that it is spoikin in the thoun that your (ll) send this day awht dayis your (ll) commissioun for the electioun of oersmen to our thoun, the quhilkis your (ll) sall kend was wroht prewally, and that without our adwyissis, quha suld haif bene requirit to the sam, geif reycht had bene kepit, efter the

<sup>1</sup> Flooring.

<sup>2</sup> Riven, split.

<sup>3</sup> Joists.

<sup>4</sup> Provost of Wigtown.

awld ordour, and wss of our thoun. quhairfor we hartly dissyr your (ll) to send your (ll) commissioun to wss for the cheissinging<sup>1</sup> of our oersmen, in respeik we ar the eldest, and moniast in to nowmyer,<sup>2</sup> quha newir knew your (ll) commissioun, nor newir our wottis<sup>3</sup> requerit thairto, in respeik of the quhilkis it vill pleiss your (ll) to send your (ll) ansuir agane in to writ with this berar, and we sall hartly obey your (ll) command, conform to awld wss and vont. nocht ellis at this present, bot committis your (ll) to the protectioun of the eternall, from quhithern, the xx day of octobar, a<sup>o</sup> 1582.—be youris at all power,

Jhone blane procuratour  
for the thoun.

To the rycht honorabill  
and worss schoffuillis<sup>4</sup>  
our maister the prior of quhitthern  
and to the lord of barrinbarroht his  
(ll) Iconymus.

[The writer of the following letter was the Chamberlain of Whithorn. At this time the Laird of Garleis had two sons, Anthony, and Robert, who seems to be by this identified with the Chamberlain.]

Letter from Mr ROBERT STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 10th December 1582.

My loird, Efter maist humile commendation of service, It will pleis your (l) I rasauit your (l) letter fra pate stratoun the tend of this Instant, remembering me of the promes, quhilk your (l) made to antone and me at youre (l) departing, tuching the ladie garleis effaris, and that youre (l) had nocht rasauit ane anser. the falt wes nocht in me for laik of remembrance. I oft and euery tymes put the ladye in remembrance, quha wes forgetful of the samen. and siclyik your (l) desyrit me to send your (l) iij or iij<sup>c</sup> libs ; as I sall anser afore god I haue nocht rasauit of all the fywe kyrkis fourtye merk as yit, nochtwythstanding god

<sup>1</sup> Choosing.

<sup>2</sup> Number.

<sup>3</sup> Votes.

<sup>4</sup> Worshipfulls.

willing I sall send your (l) wyth pate stratoun aganis the xxi or xxii daye of this moneth iij c lib, and quhowsonne I can get in the laife, I sall send it to your (l) aye as I can haue it. anentis the assumption of the to heddis<sup>1</sup> I haue nocht intromettit wyth it, nor will nocht onto the tyme youre (l) sendis me aduertisement, and commission to intromit wyth it. Als anentis the ladye garleis and youre (l) ladye spak to get her this last monin-daye in wigtoun, anentis youre (l) besines and hirrs, bot youre wyfe culd haue na resolute anser, as scho will aduerteis youre (l) herself. I porteand nathing bot driving<sup>2</sup> of tyme, thairfor youre (l) will do as youre (l) thinkis best. I am onder grit suspicion wyth the ladye for youre (l) causs, quhareof I tak litill sussye;<sup>3</sup> I sell do the diligence I can to satisfye youre (l) to your (l) contentment. forder it will pleis your (l), your (l) departit of wigtoun the ix of november. on the moirnin efter your (l) departing I raid to quhitorne, quhair thair wes ane court haldin be andro dunbar, prowost, Johne Stewart, and Jhonne gowne, balyeis, peter Mcilwyame, clerk, wyth David dunbar, Johne blane, Johnce clugstoun, robert lyndesaye, bartle hawthorm, wyth utheris diuersis. gife your (l) misteris<sup>4</sup> ma namis, I sall send yow aneu<sup>5</sup> in writ. as your (l) aduerteis me, the laird of garleis come to the towne that daye, to the sammin effek, bot yeid nocht to the tolbuyth, quharefor I will praye your (l) nocht to ourse<sup>6</sup> the prior of quhitornis preuileges. your (l) onderstandis bettir quhat is to be done in this mater, bettir nor I do. anentis the yeirdis of the place, thare ar thai, Imprimis the prioris awin, now occupiit be robert lyndesaye, ane vther callit the smyddie yaird, in dene Adames handis; ane yaird in Johnne Stewart the channonis handis, ane in dene georgis handis, ane vther, callit dene Thomas yaird, in dene Adames handis; ane callit dene william cranstonis in dene adamis handis; ane callit dene Rauffe poirsonis, in dene Adamis handis, and tua in Johnne gowinis handis now, wyth the wter clois and hill croft, quhilk Jame parker occupiit. all thir the laird thinkis to dispone vpon, and gefe to his millaris, and (an)

<sup>1</sup> Not known.<sup>2</sup> Putting off.<sup>3</sup> Care (Fr. *souci*).<sup>4</sup> Needs.<sup>5</sup> Enough.<sup>6</sup> Oversee, *i.e.*, overlook.

remeid be nocht fund in tyme, the millis now gangane and grindin daylie; quharefor I praye your (I) to fynde remeid in tyme, for all thir thingis, and quhat your (I) will do adverteis me, and it salbe done efter my power, wyth all wther service that lyes in my power. nocht trubling your (I) wyth fordir letter for the presentis, committis your (I) in the protection of god. of wigtoun, the ten daye of december, 1582,

Your (I) humile Serwand  
M Robert Stewart.

[The outer sheet with the  
address is missing.]

Bond by NINIAN ADAIR to Restore a Silver Gilt Basin and  
Laver, 17th December 1582.

I, Ninane Adair, younger of kinhilt, be the tennour heirof, grantis me to haue borrowit and ressaueit fra ane honorabill man, maister patrik vau of barnebarrocht, ane siluer basene gilt about the ageis,<sup>1</sup> weyand sevyne schoyr ten vnss,<sup>2</sup> and ane lawer of siluer, siclyke gilt about the ageis, weyand to be layit be me in plage<sup>3</sup> of certane sowmes of money for diuersis my vrgent and necessar effairis tending to my utilitie and proffeit, Thairfoir I faythfullie bind and obliss me, my airis, executouris assignayis, and intromittouris with my guidis, and landis quhatsumeuir, to rander, and redalyuer the saidis basene and lawer of the wecht foirsaid, and as guid as I now resaue the samen, to the said maister patrik, his aris, executouris, and assignais, betuix and the last day of Januar nixtocum, but<sup>4</sup> langer delay, fraud, or gyill,<sup>5</sup> vnder the pane of iii<sup>c</sup> libs pundis vsuale money of this realme, to be payit to the said maister patrik and his foirsaidis In cais I failyie in the premisses, and vnder the pane of tinsall<sup>6</sup> of honestie, honnour, and credeit for euir; And heirto I faytfullie bind and obleis me, and my foirsaidis, in the maist suir maner and styill of obligatioun can be devysit, Renunceand all remeid and exceptioun of law may be perswit in the contrair.

<sup>1</sup> Edges.

<sup>4</sup> Without.

<sup>2</sup> Ounces.

<sup>5</sup> Guile.

<sup>3</sup> Pledge.

<sup>6</sup> Loss.

And for the mair securitie, gif neid beis, I am content and consentis that thir presentis be insert and registrat in the buikis of counsale, and ane decreit of the lordis thair of interponit thairto, with letteris and executorialis of horning and poinding to pas thairvpoun at the plesor of the said maister patrik, and the horning to pas vpoun ane semple chairge of thrie dayis warning allenarlie; And for registering heirof makis and constitutis

and ilk ane of tham coniunctlie and seueralie my irreuocabill procuraturis, committing full power to thame to conpeir befor the saidis lordis, and consent to the registering heirof in thair buikis in maner foirsaid. Promittens de rato, &c. In witnes of the quhilk thing I haue subscryuit thir presentis with my hand as followis, At Edinbrucht the xvij day of december, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>e</sup> fourscoir twa yeiris; Befoir thir witnessis, dauid for-gussone, dauid kennedy, vyth vtheris dyuersis.

Niniane adair  
of kenheld Youngar.

[There are no signatures of witnesses.]

Receipt by ALEXANDER KINROSS for 500 Merks, paid by Sir PATRICK WAUS to MARGARET, LADY OCHILTREE, 26th December 1582.

I, Mr Alexander kinross, grantis me to haue Resawit in name and behalf of margarett maistres of Vichiltrie, fra the handis of m<sup>r</sup> patricke wauce of barnbarroch, the sowme of fyif hunderith merkis, guid and vsuall monye of this realme; And that in parte of payment of hir pensione, assignit to hir be the kingis ma<sup>tie</sup> of the thridis of the pryorie of quhitterne, of the crope fourscoir twa yeiris, Be this my tickitt of rasait, subscryuit with my hand at edy<sup>r</sup>, the xxvi day of december, anno 1582, Befoir thir witnes, Dauid kennedie, Johne wauce, seruitor to the said m<sup>r</sup> patrike wauce of barnebarroche, patrike kennedie, and James brvme, seruitor to the said m<sup>r</sup> alex<sup>r</sup>.

Maister Alexander kynross  
with my hand.



Written below—

May<sup>r</sup> <sup>1</sup> delyuerit be arch<sup>t</sup> braidfutt XL lbs.

Item, for the fev maillis anno 1582 ij<sup>c</sup> ix merkis.

And alsua restis the fev maillis an Lxxxi Lxxxij and Lxxxiiij.

Sua Is may<sup>r</sup> payitt no<sup>r</sup> the xx<sup>c</sup> merkis Lxiiij merkis v ss ijd.

1<sup>m</sup> iij<sup>c</sup> xv libs xiiij ss 1d.

On back—M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Kynross acquittance of v<sup>c</sup> merkis.

Letter from ALEXANDER M'KIE, in Whitehills, to his Father-in-law, the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Jesus.

My Lord, efter my hertlie commendatioune, forsamekill I haif resaut your (l) anser, and parsauis the affek thairof, and quhair your (L) vrettis at <sup>2</sup> my vyif and I hes desponit that siluer to yow vnder forme of contraik, it is nocht sa, for I agreit with the Lard thre yeir or euer I entrit in kontrak vith your (L), and nochtwithstanding at <sup>2</sup> I disponit all thingis be kontrak at <sup>2</sup> my vyif culd craif be deseis of hir fathir; yit nocht the les it makis your (L) na rycht to craif that thing at <sup>2</sup> I had disponit, and greit<sup>3</sup> for, long or<sup>4</sup> I maid bargan vith your (L). alwayis I haif gottin na furmall anser, bot be solistrie;<sup>5</sup> thairfer I desyir your (L) yit as befor to send me ane anser in vret vith the berer quhidder ye vill craif that to apartene to your (L) or nocht, for, and <sup>6</sup> ye do, I vill leif of the seiking of it be the Law quhill god send me bettir tyme: alwayis as I vret afor, it is mair nor my luiking at <sup>2</sup> your (L) suld craif or seik ony thing that sa justlie apartenis to me, in respek I craif na thing that yov apartenis, albeit I haif bettir ground to craif than your (L) hes to that. And quhair your (L) vrettis it var bettir to me to seik

<sup>1</sup> Mair, more.

<sup>2</sup> That.

<sup>3</sup> Agreed.

<sup>4</sup> Before.

<sup>5</sup> Solicitation.

<sup>6</sup> An, if.

it be the Law nor in thair dispyit,<sup>1</sup> as for anser I vill deny na thing in that causs at<sup>2</sup> I haif vrettin; bot as to seik the Law I vill knaw bettir sarta(ne) of your (L) part nor I do or<sup>3</sup> I trubill my<sup>4</sup> with the Law, for your (L) voit is our gret<sup>5</sup> in our commisser agane me. And quhair your (L) vrettis that ye will maist hartlie treist<sup>6</sup> me at<sup>2</sup> your (L) may haif ane end of your besines and myne, as for anser it aperis to me that your (L) scornis me now, quhen ye suld vret sa; for that is the thing at<sup>2</sup> I haif euer bene, and laborand bayth my self, and all at<sup>2</sup> I vnderstand had writin to yow, and vas euer the farder abaik the mair suit I maid to that effek; yit nocht the les I am content yit as offor<sup>7</sup> to fulfill my promise bayth be vour and vret, provyidding the Lyik be don to me quhen and quhair ye think guid, for it is the thing I haif bene ever seikand at all tymis. and quhair ye desyir me to fynd na falt with your (L) to seik the Law, nor to haif your (L) end on ane fryndfull maneir, as I am content to do, and beleiffis the Law vill bryng yow to better poynt nor ane fryndlie dres; seik out that cours for me, for I man abyid it, and meit as I may; for it may pleis god eftervart I may present myself to the Law, albeit your (L) trovis<sup>8</sup> to get ane step of vantaig of me now, as vtheris dois. Always your (L) sall neuer haif ane just motewe<sup>9</sup> to seik me, owther in the Law or by the (Law) gif resoun may taik place, bot sall Leif<sup>10</sup> in that astait to do yow honour and saruice, and<sup>11</sup> ye vill exsep<sup>12</sup> it; vthervyiss I may byid your (L) about quhill ye think tyme to do better; and your (L) anser in wret vith the berar. be youris assurit to my vtir pouer, and<sup>11</sup> the vyit<sup>13</sup> be nocht in yow or<sup>3</sup> your (L) vret to me.

Allex<sup>r</sup> m'kee in quhythillis.

To my father-in-Law the Lard of  
Barnbarach.

<sup>1</sup> Despite.

<sup>4</sup> Word omitted, ? self.

<sup>7</sup> Of before.

<sup>10</sup> Live.

<sup>13</sup> Wyte, blame.

<sup>2</sup> That.

<sup>5</sup> Vote is too great.

<sup>8</sup> Trows.

<sup>11</sup> An, if.

<sup>3</sup> Before.

<sup>6</sup> Tryst, or rather trust.

<sup>9</sup> Motive.

<sup>12</sup> Accept.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, probably 1581 or 1582.

My Lord, efter my hartelie commendationis, forsamekle I rasaut your wreting frae Jhone M'gown, and hes considerit the affec thair of; for the quhilk I thank yow hartelie of your gud will and kyndes, schawn to me in my Last bessines, that I haid ado befor the Lordis, in the quhilk ye salbe asurit of my gud will in quhat I may plesour yow. and as consarning our awin besines, that is betuix yow and me, that salbe done at my cuming to the toun by frindlye appuntement. ffarther I haif spokin with Alex<sup>r</sup> m'kie sen I resaut your Last wreting, and hes reprevit him werie hardlie for the wreting that hie wreit to the Ladye your wiif, quhen schoe wais in glastone, quhilk wreting offendit hir, quhairthrow schoe hes tane seiknes: bot eftir my haird repref he excusis himself that he menit na evill to hir, bot hie thocht that schoe micht haif done mair to agreit yow and him nor schoe did; and further sae far as hie offendit to hir, hie sall mend the same to hir honour and contentment; quhairfoir I may desyir yow, as ye will do me plesour, to foryeit this Last offence done by him onto your weif; and onye other thing that is diferend betuix yow and him, I will caus him agrie with yow according to resone, and to your awin contentment, sae that ye will stand his gud frend now in to the tyme of his trubill, and help him to bie the kingis sudjet,<sup>2</sup> and to bie freid of this ascheit, that harie stewart hes gottin; and this I will pryve yow to do; albeit ye will nocht altogather do for him, sumthing ye main do for my desyir, quhilk with tyme ye sall nocht repent bie godis (g). I praye yow help this mater sae far as ye may, and ye sall nocht think it evill doune. I will nocht cumir yow with Langar letter, bot it will pleis yow to lait me knaw of your newis of couirt, and in speciall how materis standis betuix my Lord duk and the erll

<sup>1</sup> This Laird of Garlies was the son of Alexander Stewart of Garlies, younger, who was killed at the surprise of Stirling in 1571, and his wife Catherine, daughter of Lord Herries. His grandfather, Sir Alexander Stewart, lived till 1590.

<sup>2</sup> To be relieved from outlawry, or "get remission."

of arreane.<sup>1</sup> sae hafing nae farther occation, with my hartelie commendatioun to the Ladye your woif, I commit yow to god. frome mynygaif, the xviii day of december, Bie youris assured gud frind at my power. Garleis.

To the Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and  
his assurit gud frind  
the Laird of barnebarroch  
this delyuer.

Letter from Mr ROBERT STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 26th January 1582-3.

My loird, Efter maist humile commendation of seruice, It will pleis youer (l) I rasaut youer (l) letter, desyring me to send furth siluer to your (l) wyth the ladye, quhen scho cumis furth, quhilk god willing selbe done. I sell leife nathing behind that lyis in my power, praying your (l) to send me your (l) counsell quhow I sell do wyth the maistres of weilltre,<sup>2</sup> quhom of I can get na payment, noder for hir landis, nor for that thing scho is awin me ; and siclyik anentis the xx aucht bollis of wictuall of clymadde, quhilk the laird of garleis Intromittis wyth ; your (l) knawis weill the laird of garleis bieris<sup>3</sup> querrell aneuch to me ellis, and aye the langer the maier, and I wait<sup>4</sup> newer quharefor. I beleue he sell nocht cum furth at this tyme, as youer (l) will onderstand forder be my ladyis writing anentis the towne of quhitorne, thai vse thame selffis on still as thai did, nocht regarding my loirdis preweleges, and rasauis resignationis, and gewis sesingis daylye, quhilk is hurt to my loirdis prevelege ; thairfor I thoct guide to aduerteis your (l) of sic thingis, quhair throw your (l) nicht fynd rameid for the samen. Alss it will pleis youre (l) the auld ladye garleis<sup>5</sup> is at greit disease ; and

<sup>1</sup> James Stewart was created Earl of Arran 22d April 1581. The Duke of Lennox and he conducted the government till the Ruthven Raid, on 23d August 1582. Arran returned to power in 1583, and continued till his fall, in July 1585. In this second period Ludovick Stewart had succeeded his father as Duke of Lennox.

<sup>2</sup> Ochiltree.

<sup>3</sup> Bears.

<sup>4</sup> Wot, know.

<sup>5</sup> Catherine Herries, Lady Garlies.

hes bene this twenty dayis liand in hir bed. I feir hir mekle,  
scho is werraye ewill in secknes, as this berar will shaw youer  
(1) forder, quhom it will pleis crediit. nocht hawing occasion  
to truble youer (1) wyth forder for the present, committis youer  
(1) in the protection of god. of wigtoun, the xxvi day of Januar,  
1582.—Yower (1) humile Servand,

M. Robert Stewart.

[The outer sheet with address is missing.]

Letter from \_\_\_\_\_ to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
1582-3.

My lord, eftir hartlie commendationis, plesit vit that archbald  
mvir in areowland <sup>1</sup> hes vplifitit and ressauit fra alexander mak-  
culloch, John makculloch his sone, and andro ascheland, my  
tenentis of elrig, <sup>1</sup> my ferm corn, and atis, <sup>2</sup> of elrig, of this crop  
Lxxxij yeris, and xx li of money, quhilk I haif in contract of  
umquhill Ser Johne Dunbar of mochrum, knycht, for all the  
dayis of my lyfityme; quhilk contract is registrat in the buikis  
of counsaill, and maister Johne Scharp, and his seruand, hes the  
extract thair of in his keping, and thai haif refusit me, and tane  
him to thair maister. he hes siclik tane possession of my half  
of areowland mylton heretabile pertenyng to me, and mantein-  
ance of Johne acoltrane, and thomas makcaltmont, tenentis  
thair of, and for his possession of the samyn hes lyftit thair  
fassevin <sup>3</sup> hennis <sup>4</sup> of this instant yeir, and sae he is like to wrak  
me aluterle, <sup>5</sup> without haisty remeid be found aganis him, and  
the foirsaidis tenentis; and to this effect and purposs I haif  
instantle writtin to maister Johne scharp, my greit frend, to  
rais me letteris to call the said personis befor the lordis for  
my dwiteis, with Inhibition, and arrestment, vpon the saidis  
personis, for thai ar instantle selland, disponand, and puttand  
away thair guidis and geris, in defraude of me and yow. for

<sup>1</sup> Areolland farm and Eldrig farm, in Mochrum parish.

<sup>3</sup> ? Fasterns even.

<sup>4</sup> Hens.

<sup>2</sup> Oats.

<sup>5</sup> Utterly.



your (l) knawis I will gett na Justice of him<sup>1</sup> in this cace, and in force man persew thame befor the lordis, quhair my procurator will get audience to dilait his purpuss. Quhairfor I pray your (l) that ye wuld send for the said maister Johne, and avise with him on thir purpussis, quhat is the nixt best and newest way to meitt thir wrangis and oppressis, and help to haif the berar att me with all possibill diligence, and your (l) anser in writt. and sua committis your (l) in the protection of the almichtie. of R.

[The signature and address are both cut off, as well as the date, but as it is about the crop of 1582, the letter is entered here.]

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 5th February 1582-3.

My lord, Eftir my hartlie commendatiounis, fforsamekle I haif writin to yow diuerss tymeis for the continewatioun of Robert Lyndesayis besenes betuix your (l) and him To my out cuming, quhilkis sould haif bene the last of January, gif my mother hade keipit tryist; And seing that my mother and I keipit nocht that day, I will desyir your (l) that Robert Lyndesayis besenes may contenew to the xx day of this instant february, And that becaus my mother and I hes appoyntit the said day to meit in edr; at the quhilk tyme, god willing, I sall be thair, and he with me, quha sall satisfie your (l) vther wayis by the laweis, At the sycht of freindis. As for all our awin besenes, the ladie your wyfe schew me that scho wrait to yow for the contenewatioun of thame to the forsaid day. This nocht douting bot ye will contenew all the actionis as I afor said. Sua, for the present nocht mening to trubil yow, I comit yow

<sup>1</sup> Archibald Muir.

to god. from quhithern, the fyft of february, 1582.—Your gude freind at power,  
Garleis.

Aduerteis me of sic  
newis as ye haif  
presentlie.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup>  
And his gud freind  
The lard of  
Barnbarache.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d February 1582-3.

My lord, eftir my hartelie commendationis, forsamekill I ame Informit that the serif callit robert lyndsay, for remowing fra your Landis of crugleton cawendis, quhair of I maruell, seing I wret sae aft to your (l) to haue contenowit this persuit onto sik tyme as I haid spokin with you ; at the quhilk tyme hie sould haue satisfet your (l) bye the lawe ; in respek quhair of, gif it may stand with your plesour, I will desyr yow yeit, as of befor, to contenew him quhill ather I may spek with yow, or otherwayis quhill your awin cuming in the cuntrie ; at the quhilk tyme hie hes promesit me to do all that may plesour your (l) in ony kynd of sort according to reasone. this I think tynis nathing to yow, bot onlie the continvention for sae lang at my desyir, quhilk I beleif ye will do, Lyk as I salbe reddye to do the lyk plesour to yow, or ony of youris, quhome it sall pleis yow charge me. als it will pleis yow to wit that I wais sumoned bie mindork to gif my aithe de calumptnia for my fatheris sesing of dalsuontone, glessertone, and clugstone, to the xxiiij daye of this instant fabrurary ; as also I wais sumoned for remowing frome challacheblewin, and roucain. eftir the sumondis was execut frindis trawellit betuix me and him to continew the calling of thame quhill the laist of marche ; at the quhilk tyme I intend, god willing, to be at yow, that we may confer vpon all our awin materis. this mekill I thoct gud to aduerteis yow ; suae for the present I will nocht trubell yow

with forder, bot it will pleis you aduerteis me of sik newis as ye haif of cort; suae I commit yow to god. frome glasertone, the xxiiii daye of fabriwary, 1582. Be your assurit gud frind at power.

ffarther ye sall ondirstand that Jhone M<sup>c</sup>gown was schawand me that ye and he was in sum other conferance of ane other purpoiss, quhilk I leife to your awin remembrance, for I will nocht wret itt. ye knaw quhat other purpoiss ye and he wais at, quhen ye and hie partit for ane purpoiss betuix yow and me, quhilk I beleif ye and I sall agree on. ye haif sumoned me to the xv daye of marche for reduction of the auld Ladies tack, quhairof (I) maruel, for I haif nae entress with it; quhairfoir I desyir yow nocht to call me for that cauiss,

Garleis.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and  
his gud freind the lard  
of Barnbarrache.

Letter from Mr ROBERT STEWART to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 19th March 1582-3.

My lord, Efter maist humile commendatioun of service, It will pleis youer (l) that the laird of myrton and I is aggreit anentis the few of Wig, for the payment of fywe hundreth merkis; quhairfor, gif youer (l) will tak him for sa mekle, as I believe he has written to youer (l) to the samen effek, youer (l) will aduerteis me thairof wyth the fyrst that cumis betuene; and gefe youer (l) will nocht, I selbe at youer (l) betuene and the fyftene daye of Aprile nixtocum wyth all the siluer that maye be haid in the meyntyne, as the ladye will schow youer (l) at mair lynth, quha will schow youer (l) forder of my mynd. I haue oft trawalet wyth the ladye garleis anentis youer (l) effaris and hirris, and fyndis nathing wyth hir bot driwing of tyme, and sayis scho dar do nathing for the laird of garleis, quha is trawaling still wyth hir anentis the tak; bot I fynd litill help wyth him towardis hir in ony thing sho hes ado, thairfor I praye

youer (l) to fynd na falt wyth me. I reffer my part to youer bedfallow, my ladye, quha will declare youer (l) the effair I stand in betuene the laird and the ladye. I writ to youer (l) anentis the maistres of wchilteris payment, quhareof I can nocht get payment, and siclyk anentis the xxviii bollis wictuall of clymadde, quhilk the laird of garleis intronmittis wyth; yit I praye youer (l) to aduerteis me quhat I sall do in the samen, for I luik for youer (l) anser agane or I do onye thing. reffer-rane the rest to youer (l) aduertisement, and my cuming to Edinburgh, committis youer (l) in the protection of god. of wigtoun, the xix of merche, 1582.—Youer (l) humile serwand.

M. Robert Stewart.

[Address torn off.]

Discharge by GEORGE DOUGLAS, Younger of Borgue, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 8th April 1583.

I george dowglas off Borge, grantis me to haif rassauit be the handis of ane ho<sup>ll</sup> man, Mr patrik waus of barnbarroche, the soume of fyve hundyrrethe merkis mony, and that in compleit payment of the said soume of v<sup>c</sup> merkis, contenit In ane contract maid betuix the said Mr patrik and me, for the analienatione of the soume of fifte merkis be yeir ovit of my saidis landis of borge, ay and quhill the said fyfe hundyrrethe merkis be compleitlie payit be redemptione of the saidis landis fra the saidis Mr patrik and his airis; quhilk contract is of the dait at Edy<sup>t</sup> the xxvi day of merce the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> Lxxxiii yeris; of the quhillk soume of fyve hundyrrethe merkis I hald me vall content and payit, and thairfor exonoris and dischairges the said Mr patrik, his ayris, and exo<sup>ris</sup>, for now and euer, be this my acquittance. Subscryvit vyth my hand at Edy<sup>t</sup> the viii day of aprill, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> lxxxiii yeris. befoyr thir witness, Daid kennedye adam kaythcart, and John fairlie, broodyr german to the laird of braid, vyth vtherss dyuerssis.

George Douglas younger of Borg vith my hand.

[The above shows that George Douglas has borrowed 500

merkis from Barnbarroch on the security of the rents of Borgue at 10 per cent.]

Letter from THOMAS DICKSONE to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 29th April 1583.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioune, It will pleis your (ll) that Richard campbell, your (ll) factour, hes schawin me that ye have vrittin to him to varne me frome the barbour fuird, quhilk my wyf hes bene veray kyndlie to this Lang tyme, and hes bene in possessioun of the samyn, scho and hir husband, and your (ll) is weil payit in tymes bypast, and your (ll) knawis that the tyme of varnyng is now past, and albeit it war nocht past, considdering our payment is als thankfull as ony vtheris, we think your (ll) will nocht remowe vs. Refering the rest to your (ll), And god keip yow. ffrome Wigtowne, the xxix day of Apryle, 1583.—Youris at command and service,

Thomas Dickson.

To the Rycht  
honorable of  
Barnbarrache  
Lord of sessioun.

[Thomas seems to have married a widow, who was kindly tenant of Barbourford, a name not now known in the district.]

Letter from \_\_\_\_\_ to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d May 1583.

My Lord, efter maist heartlie commendatione, I haiff send yowr (l) the forme of yowr awin Infestment, quhilk your (l) may considder, and vse sick expeditione thairanent as semis unto yow gude; for this is the forme quhilk I think maist expedient for yowr securitie. I haiff alsua send yowr (l) the tak off the teindis of the yill,<sup>1</sup> with ane letter direct to the prior,<sup>2</sup> and ane

<sup>1</sup> Or thill, perhaps hill.

<sup>2</sup> Of Whithorn.



vther to m<sup>r</sup> robert stewart,<sup>1</sup> with the deliverance off the quhilk I man burdene your (l) at the perfyting off your awin materis. I belieue my lord will mak na difficultie to grant my sute, and I esteme allsua that m<sup>r</sup> robert salbe ane helper. I haiff alsua rasit summondis vpone the tennentis of the yill<sup>2</sup> for removing, quhilkis it will pleis your (l) caus be execut vpone vi or x dayis warning and caus insert the day of comperance at your awin discrezione in the principall, and in the copeis, and lat the lettres be sent agane befor the day. I man borrow the informatione of the lard of mintois infetment, quhilk your (l) hes, in case ony argument be opponit contrar me in that behalf; it salbe send agane sasone as the samin salbe schawin. The subscriptionis of the convent ar necessar to my tak, giff m<sup>r</sup> robert mak ony difficulte to purches thair subscriptionis, I haiff writtin to the lade, your bedfallo, to anser ony of your awin seruandis of sik compositione as ye think gude; for thay ar myndfull men, and I will spar something vpone thame at your (l) discrezione. we haiff na novellis, bot the king hes begun his progress, quhilk as we esteme sall nocht be endit befor the saxt of august. we haiff ewere day heir fresche newis of blude of our cuntremen, and we har of ane massakir in the heich partis of france this samin monoth. I pray your (l) Lat me knaw of your estait. Sua, remitting all vther thingis to the nixt occasion, I commit your (l) to the protectione of the everlasting. ffrome edyr this xxiii of may.—Your (l) at power and service to be commandit.

[Signature cut off.]

To my verray gude lord my  
lord of Barnebarrach ane of  
the senatoris of our souerane  
lordis college of Justice.

Letter from UCHTRED M'DOWALL<sup>3</sup> of Garthland to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 17th June 1583.

Rycht Speciall brother, eftyr maist hartlie commendatioun this

<sup>1</sup> Chamberlain of the Priory of Whithorn.

<sup>2</sup> Or thill, perhaps hill.

<sup>3</sup> Uchtred M'Dowall of Garthland was served heir to his father, who was

present is tyll aduertess you that thair is sum slaucher fallin betuix serwandis of my sone the lard of logane and the lard of kylasser in my absens, being in edingburgh as ye ken, and now, brother, thai haif rasit lettres vpone my haille freyndis and serwandis, quha wes and is Innocent, to onderlye the law vpone thair leiffis, and vpone my said sone and his haille serwandis; quhairfoir, brother, I man pray you, for ony sted or plesor that he or I may do to yow, that ye wilbe sua gude as to keip the day of law in Edingburgh for defenss of our leiffis, as we salbe reddie to you quhen ye pleiss charge. the day of law is vpon the first day of July nixt, and ye wilbe the nycht afoyr in the town with your honorable freyndis and serwandis. this haiwing na forther occasion to trouble you quhill our meting with forther writing, bot committis you to the protectioun of god. from the garthland, the xvii day of Junii, be youris brother at all pouar,  
 wehtred m'dowell  
 of garthland.

To the rycht honorable and  
 his maist speciall brother,  
 Mr patrik Wauss of barryn-  
 barrocht.

Letter from CHRISTIAN DOUGLAS<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
 BARNBARROCH, 24th June 1583.

My Lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun, fforsamekle your L sall witt the bearer heirof, my servand, hes schawin me that he hes ane actioun of redemptioun befoir your L, Quhairfoir I will desyir your L, to stand ane freynd to the puir man for my

killed at the battle of Pinkie in 1547. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvan Mains, and was thus brother-in-law to Sir P. Waus, whose first wife was Elizabeth Kennedy, her sister. He was implicated in the conspiracy by the Ruthveners and the banished Lords against Arran's Government in 1584, and although his life was spared, he was banished, and died in France in 1593.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iii., p. 663; *Lands and their Owners*, vol. i., p. 56.

<sup>1</sup> The writer was a daughter of Sir William Douglas of Drumlanrig, and first wife of Alexander, Laird of Garlies.

causs, seing it is ane actioun that appertenis to the hous of Cassillis, as hie schawis me, quhilk ye man do for, and that nocht the wer for my desyr. your L will apperdoun me of this my hamlie desyr, as your L sall fynd me redie to do your L plesour. Sua nocht trubling your L, with langer letter, I commit your L to the protectioun of god. from the Garleiss the xxiiij of Jun 1583 Be your L assurit at power,

Cristiane Douglas.

On the back—

To my veray gude Lord and eme  
my Lord off Barnbarache.

Letter by CRICHTON (?) of Larg to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
20th July 1583.

Maist speciall Eme, I commend me hartlie to you. efter the reset of your Lordshipis writing, wnderstanding the samyn, maist hartlie thankis your L for the gudwill kyndis and fawer schawin to me, desyring your L to contennue thairanent, lyk as your L sall find of me sa far as may ly in my power. mairatour your L hes causit to sumon my kinswoman and dependant mase makkie, relik of wmquhill Jhone herron of kirwechtrie, and my kinsman and dependant Alex. M'ke of stronord for his duties to remoif fra the landis contenit in the lybellit sumonis, conforme to the precept of warning According to thair ocupatioun. My Lord, I will maist ernistlie pray and beseik your L to contenew the persute and calling of my said kinsfolk to the siting of the nixt sesioun, and in the mene tyme, at your L cuming in the cuntrie, sall mak your L to wnderstand thair reosanabill desyr and offris to your L, quhilk sall satefie your L as reasoun and missour wald. And becaus thay ar the freindis of my hous, and kinsfolk to your L, the contenance thairof can not preiuge your L quhill the nixt sesioun. Sua in the meine tyme I am assurit to be furth in edinbourgh aganis the sext day of agust nixtocum, quhair your L sall knaw farder of tha purposiss, And this my L is bot ane reosanabill desyre amangis freindis, And consarning this contenwatioun referis the samyn to the dis-

cretioun and jugment of your Lady and bedfallow, ourisman and superiour in the case, quha as I trast will consent to the samyn, this douttis nocht bot your L will do, as my speciall trast is in your L. nocht trubling your L ffarder at this present, bot committis your L to the protectioun of god, and your L anser heirwpoun to this berar. at the Larg<sup>1</sup> the xx day of July 1583.

[Signature and address are cut off.]

Letter from LADY OCHILTREE to Sir PATRICK WAUS, her brother,  
20th August 1583.

Brother, ye sall wit I am addettit to Nicoll spens burges in Edin<sup>r</sup> the sowme of xlvii lib. vii s, Quhairfor I will praye yow maist affectuisslie to delyver the same to him at the terme of andermess,<sup>2</sup> of the crope fourscoir twa yeris, quhilk salbe thankfullie allowit to yow in your nixte comptin, ye keipand this for your warrand. Subscryuit with my hand at peryth the xx daye of august, anno 1583.

Margaret maistres  
Vchiltreie.

[Written on the same paper.]

I, Nicoll Spens, burges and talliyour<sup>3</sup> of edy<sup>r</sup>, grantis me satisfieit, and weill content and payit of the sowme of fourtie sewin pwnd sewin Schilling, quhilk margaret stewart, maistres of Vchelltreie, was addettit to me; of the quhilk sowme I qwit-clame and dischairges the said margaret, her airis, executouris, and assignayis, for me, my airis, executouris, and assignayis. this my deschairge writtin at edy<sup>r</sup> the xix day of December.

<sup>1</sup> John Crichton of Larg had married Margaret, Sir Patrick's daughter, on 2d September 1570.

<sup>2</sup> St Andrew's day, 30th November.

<sup>3</sup> Tailor.

subscryuit Befor thir witnes, Dawid kennedy, eliazer slowane.  
the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> Lxxxiii yeiris.

Nicoll Spens with my hand.

[No signature of witnesses.]

Endorsed.—The maistres of oichiltres precept direct  
To the lard of barinebaroch ffor ansuering of  
nicoll spens.

Receipt signed by RICHARD WAUS, 22d September 1583.

I, Rychard Wauss, be the tenour heirof grantis me to haif  
ressawit the obligatioun of cowlquhork,<sup>1</sup> quhilkis, conforme to  
the contract maid betuixt the honorabill maister patrik wauss  
of barnbarrothe and thomas cant of sanct gillygrang, be this  
obligation I the said rychard wauss bindis me to deliuer the  
said obligation to my fathare in law be this my obligation.  
Svbscrywit with my hand at barnbarrocht the xxii day of  
September, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> foirscoir thre yeiris, befor  
thir witnesses Johne M'Gowne baillyie In quhothorne Dawid  
Kennedie and thomas waus seruitoris to me loird of barn-  
barrocht withe vtherss diuersses.

I Rychard wauss<sup>2</sup>  
with my hand.

I Jone M'gowne Baillyie in qthorn  
Weitness.

Letter from THOMAS M'CLELLAN of Bomby to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 16th October 1583.

My Lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun, pleis your (l) I  
am informit that your (l) myndis to alter the occupiaris of my  
landis of glenturk casley and casgoun<sup>3</sup> within the parochin of

<sup>1</sup> Now Culquhirk, a farm near Wigtown.

<sup>2</sup> In an agreement between Sir Patrick Waus and his son Sir John, dated 8th May 1597, the latter is bound to maintain in Barvennan two of the bairns of umquhile Richard Waus.

<sup>3</sup> Now Carslea and Carsgown.



wigtoun of thair teindis, And to persew thame for mair nor vse and vont. Quhairfoir I will desyre your (l) to continew my tennentis quhill your (l) and I meit, Quhair your (l) sall haif to your contentment all that is ressonabill. for I will nocht beleif your (l) will alter ony of my tennentis or landis, for I beleif thai pay weill thair dewtie vsit and vont. This nocht doutting your (l) will do, I commit you to the protectioun of god. Off kirkcud<sup>1</sup> the xvi day of octobir 1583. your (l) at power,

T. bomby.

To the richt hono<sup>ll</sup>

My lord of Barn-  
barrocht.

Letter most probably from an Agent to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th November 1583.

My lord, eftir my commendationis of seruice, Pleis your (l) your servand, this berar, and I cum to drummoir, and according to your desyre willet the lard to pass with us to the creichane, to giff your (l) sesing, as als to causs his wyf subscryve your charter and precept; To the quhilk he is willing and agreable, Bot his opinion is that it is needfull that your (l) be first infest in the landis of miltoun and bar, quhilk is the principill, befoir ye be infest in the landis gevin in claus of warrandyss of the samen, becaus of the ordour of the charter and precept, as als wold haif had ane artornay, quhilk I forget to ask fra Michael M<sup>c</sup>Walter. Bot geif your (l) will tak sesing of the landis of creichane presentlie befoir the principall, quhilk apperis ane bakward ordour, send wp the charter and precept agane, with the contract and artornay, and the lady sall bayth subscryve the contract and charter, and the sesing sall be gevin according to your desyr; quharopon I will await on your (l) anser for geving of the sesing heir quhill fryday at ix houris. farder the lard of kinhilt hes ressaut fra the berar xx lib of siluir, ix crownis, and sevin vnicornis, quhilk makis compt of the iij<sup>xx</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sic in orig.

punds quhilk wes restand awand him, quhilk your (l) man resaiif vpon the samen pryis. This till your (l) advertisement I commit your (l) to god, from Drummoir, the 12 november, 1583.—(Be your l to be com)mandit (at his uter p)ower.

[Signature and address are cut off.]

Letter from GILBERT KENNEDY of Girvan Mains to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, (1578-88).

Me Lord and brother,<sup>1</sup> after maist hartle commendatioun, this present is to be aduertis your (l) that the abott of glenluc hes summondit me for ane alegit spoilze, that be myon of the laird of Loichinvar I neid nocht writ to your (l) the Information that causs; for your (l) knawis pairt of the estait thair, and tutour<sup>2</sup> qll (will) Informe your (l) the rest thairof. praying your (l) that quhen the matter comes In rasoning befor your (l) that I susteyn no wrang, as also I may requeist your (l) fawowrans in cession to that effeick. ometting to truble your (l) with Langer letter, and so commettis yow to God.

Be your (l) brother at pover to be commandit  
girwen manis.

To his maist speciall and  
beluiffit brother me Lord  
of barnbarrache  
this be delyuerit.

Letter from DAME KATHERINE STEWART, LADY GARLIES, Elder,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 11th February 1583-4.

Ame, Efter my wery hartlie commendatioun, I wreit to your

<sup>1</sup> Sir Patrick's first wife was the sister of the writer.

<sup>2</sup> Probably of Cassillis, who was brother to his second wife. If so, the date will be between 1578 and 1588.

L of befor, albeit I rasauit na anser thairof, declairing that, albeit I culd not compell anthone my sone subscriuwe our appoyntment, I was and is at all tymes content to keip my part thairof to your L, as Mr Robert and the commissioner can testifie; quhilk I suppose may satefie your L, in respek I am the first persoun in the tak which we hawe of the pryorie, and may dispone the haill wair as I pleis, with kyndnes of the same, and may leiff als lang as your L and anthone baith, In respect of the quhilk I think ye may accept that thing quhilk I offerit yow quhile anthone may be brocht to, quhilk I dout nocht bot he wilbe brocht to at your L cuming in the cuntrey, and keip his formar pomeis to yow; and in the mean tyme we ar makand sik deligens as we dow to furneis your L silver, quhilk salbe send furthe with your L wyff at fastromsewin.<sup>1</sup> Your L knawis that my lady vchiltrie is in awing mekill for hir landis and mylnis, quhilk suld be inlowit at the least resonabillie, as law, or ellis freindis, wald; albeit we find nathing inlowit except ane yeiris few maill, quhilk your L hes cuntit with hir by<sup>2</sup> our adwyss. it is not resoun that sho sould be sa hard ane crawler,<sup>3</sup> and sa slaw ane peyir.<sup>4</sup> as to alex<sup>r</sup> m<sup>e</sup>kie, albeit we be puttand at him we can find lytill to be had except the seid of the ground, except your L be gud to his wyff; and Jhone gowne is in edin-bruthe, as ye knaw, quha is dettor for ane gud part. geiff we culd get payment of thir, and uthiris addettit to us, we mycht releiff ane grait part of your L crawlingis.<sup>5</sup> I send ane uthir wreting to your L within thir ten dayis, quhilk I knaw nocht whiddir ye resavit it or nocht, becaus I resavit na anser of the samen fra your L, nor yet of the first. prayand your L to remember your auld kyndnes, and contenew your hard persut quhill silver ga furthe to yow with your wyff, in respect I am willing to contenew in auld kyndnes with your L, as I dout bot ye will be the grace of god, quha mot preserve your L. frome

<sup>1</sup> Fasterns even (Shrove Tuesday).

<sup>2</sup> Contrary to.

<sup>3</sup> Craver.

<sup>4</sup> There was a law suit between Lady Garlies and Lady Ochiltree about a lease of teinds of Whithorn lands.

<sup>5</sup> Cravings, *i.e.*, demands.

the Claire, the xi day of februar, 1583. be your L aunt at  
power on the auld maner.

Dame katherein Stewart

Lady Garleis, elder.

The rycht honorabill and hir maist  
speciall my lord of barnbarrath.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to Sir PATRICK WAUS,  
13th February 1583-4.

Mye lord and richt speciall frind, eftir my hartelie commendationis, I rasavit your wretin persawing thairbie that ye haif tane cumir in my besines againis cowhill, for Jhone M<sup>c</sup>gowne has sae wretin to me, for the quhilk I gyf yow maist hartelie thainkis; and gif it sall pleis yow to charge me with onye sik plesor as I can do to yow, ye sall find me alss redye in all thingis quhairinto I may plesor yow. Also it will pleiss yow understand that my frind cublert broune of balbie his hardlie persewit bie moyend of Lochinver vpon his lyf, and that for the slaichter of umquhile James M<sup>c</sup>Culloch of barholme. I haif causit him maik all the offeris that hie can to the partie, and thai will on nae wyis excep thame; heirfoir I pryve your L to gif my brother Jhone<sup>1</sup> your counsall for the gentill manis releif. albeit that your frind yong mortone bie the persewer of thir materis I dout nocht bot your L will respek my honor in to it, seing hie quhae suld be persewit is my frend and servand. this I refer to your own wisdome and discretion. I persaif ye think it nocht necesar that I suld cum to couirt at this tyme. Your counsall I sall viss<sup>2</sup> gif I may byid awaye, for the materis that I haif ado vpon the session bie nocht the war of my absence, bot I dout nocht bot ye will maik me forsein in thae materis befor any dainger bie. Sua lewing to trubill yow with onye farther for the present, nocht dowting bot ye will send me sum of your newis with Jhone m<sup>c</sup>gown, or with the smith that cumis

<sup>1</sup> The Laird of Garlies had not a brother John, but John M<sup>c</sup>Gowan, who seems to be meant, may have been a foster-brother. See also letter of 16th May 1584.

<sup>2</sup> Uiss, use.

betwix, I commit yow to god. at quhitherne the xiii day of fabriwarij 1583.—Bie your L verie assurit frind at power,

Garleis.

To my werie assurit  
and especiall gud freind  
of barnbarache this  
Derek.

Letter by MICHAEL M'CRESKANE to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
19th March 1583-4.

My lord, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun off Seruices, This present Is to aduerteis your (l) that according to your (l) desyre I haiff markit my ladie wchyltre lettres with the Indor-sationis, and siclik the prior of quhiterne lettres for nonpayment of the thowsand merkis with the executionis; Bot I fear the executionis be the negligence and slewthines off the messingeris ane maner Becaus Johne scherar hes lattin the ladye to vnderstand that his executionis wes nocht inserit in dew tyme within the xv dayis, quhilkis executionis as I vnderstand wes haldin abak for the samyne caus. alwayis, my lord, giff this be hurtfull, Better It war to put your lettres to new executionis, and sua the samyn suld haiff place. nevirtheles the denunceationis ar inserit within the xv dayis according to the deliwerie of the lettres. refarrand thai thingis to your (l) wysdome, for in my apparence bettir It is to parfite your thingis dewlie, nor quhen ye schute to myss the mark. In gude faith, my lord, your messingeris hes faillit in thair executioun, for sum wantit thair lettres and hes nocht tane attendance as thai aucht to haiff done, and sum be fraude and gyle. My lord I haiff aduertisit the ladie garles of hir hurt, and In my apperance scho Is helples, and giff scho be wittie scho can nocht tak ane part thair off to hir self to foircast ane storm. ane familiar seruand of hirris hes maid me vnderstand secreitlie that Mr Robert and Johnne schurar hes certifiet hir that scho Is vnder na dainger of the horningis, and that thai sall warrand hir, and I fear thair warandice. My lord, Johnne scherar hes maid ane fassioun of



executioun, and Johnne m<sup>c</sup>morran ane vther maner, quhilkis are sua repungnant that I vnderstand your (l) will nocht produce the informaliteis thair of to be seruit, and gif your (l) vill geif new charges, quham ye direct to be messenger lat thaim cum to me, and I sall anser for the formalitie, and sua all thingis weall done Is sone done. I will nocht truble your (l) farther at this present, bot committis your (l) to the protectioun of the Almychtie. quhat seruices I can Is reddie to be commandit. At wigtoun this xix off marche 1583 be your (l) seruand eftir seruice,

Michael m<sup>c</sup>crekane.<sup>1</sup>

To his maist speciall lord

My lord off barnbarrach.

[Written outside below the address]—

I haiff the principall lettres quhill your (l) aduerteisment. I haif deliuerit the executionis to dauid kennedie, quhilkis ar nocht worthie to present to the lordis. I haif deliuerit to him the Instrument of the xxvii lb annuel rent, with the kingis (g) charter of the kingis landis.

Letter from WILLIAM M<sup>c</sup>GOWAN to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
30th March 1584.

My lord, efter hwmyll commendatioun of seruice, I ressaut your (L), writting declaring the reducioun of the Lady garoliss<sup>2</sup> tak, quhairof I aduertesit hir, and willit hir to send furth hir husband<sup>3</sup> to agree with your (l), and she to maik speid for syluer, and vpoun the morne she agreit with the parsons of kirkmaquho. M<sup>r</sup> ro<sup>t</sup><sup>4</sup> is vexit with ane sairnes in his louneis and bak. I am aduertesit as I writt to your (L) of befor That Michael Wallace is laborand that he may to get my office our my heid, bot thankis to god the lordis wes neuer cummerit with the reducioun of my decreitis bot nochttheles I pray your (L) to tak attendence to see that I be nocht circumuenit be moyen of

<sup>1</sup> Surety was found for Michael M<sup>c</sup>Craken, notary, on 2d May 1577.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol ii. p. 728.

<sup>2</sup> Garlies.

<sup>3</sup> John Wallace of Dundonald, her second husband.

<sup>4</sup> Probably Mr Robert Stewart.

cort. your (L) hes my commissioun quhairby I haiff my office for my lyf tyme. I pray your (L) to send In the boys confirmatioun with lettres vpoun the decreit, and your (L) sall haiff thankfull payment for the decreit and lettres as ye will aduerteis, and send word quhair I salbe staikit<sup>1</sup> and ressave payment. the<sup>2</sup> wes almaist deid sensyne, and hes lyne seik this xx days bygane, bot he is sumpart convaleisit. I pray your (L) send ane gentill writting to the lord of garoless<sup>3</sup> to repone me in my possessioun of croftis, quhilk hes bene costlie to me, quhilkis I valuit for your caus, and nocht for my awin. Do thairin as honestie and kyndnes requyris. As to David gordoun, Albeit my seruand was strakin, I being in your seruice, remember giff ye suld redress it suppois I wer ane man that had nocht pertenit to you, nor yeit seruit you sa lang as I did, bot had bene in your seruice that tyme I wes failit to your (L) promiss, ye suld remeid it at ane terme, quhilk is nocht lang to. As to my comptis I ressaut na anser fra Mr Johnne lairmount of the recept of buikis or siluer fra David, nor yit fra your (L) self about myntho,<sup>4</sup> quhilk ye think best I do, And about my expenssis of craiganis.<sup>5</sup> Thairfor my lord aduerteis heirop quhat ye think best I do anent thir thingis, And the eternale god preserue youre L ffrom Wigton in haist the penult of Merche 1584. Be your L seruitour to command

Wam m'gowyne.

To my speciall gude  
lord of Sessioun the  
Lard of Barnbarroch.

Letter from LORD ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
11th May 1584.

My lord I pray your (lo) to raiss the lettres according to my vther wreting secreitlie, that nather the bischop of orknay, maister David mackgyll, nor yit Mr thomas craig, nor maister

<sup>1</sup> Appointed.

<sup>2</sup> Word omitted, probably "chalmerlayne," and refers to Mr Robert, *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> Garlies.

<sup>4</sup> Sir John Stewart of Minto.

<sup>5</sup> Craigends.

eduard bruse be previe of the samyn, for thai will do quhat thai  
can to stay the samyn. ffrome kirkwall the xi of maij 1584.—  
your guid freind Orknay

I haue send siluer  
to my wyff as I mycht  
best spair, and hes wretin  
to hir to cume hame.

[The address is torn off.]

Letter from the EARL OF ARGYLE to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
13th May 1584.

My Lord, efter my varay hartlie commendatioun, forsamekle  
as I haif left my servand Alex<sup>r</sup> bonnar with sum utheris to gif  
attendance upon my acues befor the sessioun, now in my awin  
absence. And now thairfoir I will desyir your (l) that they be  
not hyndert, bot that I may haif justice but delay, quhilk I  
doubt nocht bot your (L) will taik heid unto, as I salbe reddie  
to do your (L) sic plesoure as is in my power. This to farther  
occasioun I commit your (L) in the protectioun of the almy<sup>te</sup>.  
from Dundee the xiii day of May 1584.—Your L assuret freynd,  
Ergyll.

To my gud lord my lord Barnbarro<sup>t</sup>.

[On the 19th of May there was a meeting of the Parliament  
in Edinburgh, when an Act was passed confirming the Earl of  
Arran in the office of Chancellor in the absence of the Earl of  
Argyle. This is the last letter from Colin Earl of Argyle, who  
now retired from public life, and died in September 1584.]

Letter from Sir THOMAS KENNEDY of Colzean to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, May 1584.<sup>1</sup>

Broder, eftir my recht hartlie commendationes, ffor samekle as  
I understand be Johnne Kennedy my seruand that Mr Johnne

<sup>1</sup> This letter is dated from Blackness, where Sir Thomas Kennedy was imprisoned in May 1584, on suspicion of having been concerned in the conspiracy

Schairp will furneiss the sowme of v<sup>e</sup> merkis, provyding he haif one burges man actit caution to him in the sureast maner, as he hes declarit, and it is trew I haif nocht mekle credite in that toun of burges men, and in the meintyme my warding will mak thame affray it; not the les, I haif writtin to sum, and incaiss of refuss I haif writtin to my guidfader,<sup>1</sup> that be his credite he will purchas sum to that effect, swa that I think, gif ye haif gudwill, ye may do mekle betuix yow in this mater. In the meintyme I wuld ye suld lat me vnderstand quhat speciallie suld be the proffeit of it, quhilk salbe assuritlie releessit, as I salbe oblist for the samen in the maist sure maner can be deuosit. Fforder I wuld ye suld travell with the Laird of Blarquhan,<sup>2</sup> thir materis takand effect as is commonit betwix me and him, gif I may assure myself that he will be ane earnest and effectiounat freind to appone him self for my releif, ffor I know of ony proper freind of my awin he hes maist power, and I think he did neurir to him self ane gretar honour in sic ane lyk mater. And, gif evir he thinkis I may avall him in ony thing, he nicht consider he had maid ane iust conquess of me in this doing, and wald keip me fra the bondage of utheriss that I haif nocht a gud will to be oblist to. And at the lest I am sure he is able to get me knowledge quhat is determinat towardis me, and quhat is my nerrest outgait, gif he pleis him self. Referring the rest to your answer be writ in all thir pointis, and your awin wisdom and discretioun. Swa committis you in godis protectioun. Off blaknes, this foursday. Be youris assurit broder,

Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

farder, bruder, I man recommend Mr Wm Hart and his wife, our aynt,<sup>3</sup> to yow as man of ane that is maist willing to hazard, and to tak panis, for me in all my affaris at this tyme; thairfore

called the raid of Stirling. He was released on caution in £10,000 on 21st November in the same year, his sureties being Sir Lewis Bellenden, the Justice-Clerk, and Uchtred M'Dowall of Garthland—Mr David M'Gill, the king's advocate, who was his father-in-law, and his son, relieving the cautioners.

<sup>1</sup> Mr David M'Gill, advocate to the king, whose daughter Elizabeth was Sir Thomas Kennedy's second wife (1578).—*Hist. Kennedys*, p. 14.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Kennedy.

<sup>3</sup> Aunt.

I pray yow be freind to him safar as ye may of justice in the caus of reduction perseveit be george carliellil<sup>1</sup> aganis him, quhairin Mr Wm thinkis he has gud defens to elyd the persute. yet the best causs hes neid of freindschip and favour in respect of the extraordinier moyane ofthymes maid. And I dout nocht bot ye consider, bruder, hov far ane freind at this tyme oblisses me in kyndness, quhilk I pray yow to acquyte to him, safar as ye may in justice, to saiff the inconvenient fra him and our aynt<sup>2</sup> at this tyme for my saik.

To my beluffit bruder  
the laird of Barnbarro<sup>3</sup>

Letter from LORD ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
4th May 1584.

My lord, efter my veray hartlie commendationis, I haue ressaut your (l) letter, and understandis thairby quhat travell your (l) hes taine, and at all tyme takis, Till haue my wyfe returning hiderwart Towartis me; and as yit will desyre your (l) To persist thairintill, ffor trewlie I am vnable To sustene and furthbeir<sup>3</sup> hir charges ony forther in thay partis, and albeit scho bruitis and menis That scho ressauis nathing fra me ffor hir sustentatioun, yit your (lo) sall persauie Be this minute heirwith inclosit quhat I haue gevin hir, and has takin on hand To pay for hir, sen my last cuming furth of the south fra hir, quhilk wes bot in merche now twa yeiris past; Quhairby your (lo) may Judge Giff all be trew that is spokin in that behalf, and gif I, having sic vther surffett<sup>4</sup> charges as I haue ado, am able To beir out sic porte and expenssis. Quhairfoir I will yit, as of beffoir, pray your (lo) To intreit hir ffor hir hider cuming, seing sic delestis<sup>5</sup> and Impedimentis as your (lo) willis be removit. I mynd godwilling To be with the kingis (ma) in Julij nixto cumis, as your (lo) letter desyris, and can nocht Bot maist thankfullie esteme off your (lo) honorable endevoir, vsit bayth to the kingis (ma), and vtheris, quhair ony thing fell in questioun That micht Importe me, as lykwayis your honest deling towart

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Carlisle.

<sup>2</sup> Aunt.

<sup>3</sup> Furth-bering, support.

<sup>4</sup> Surfet, extravagant.

<sup>5</sup> ? Divisions, from *dele*, divide.



my sone the pryour,<sup>1</sup> Tuiching quhais preparatioun To be send  
to france I pray your (lo) Provide aganis the tyme convenient.  
And swa, efter my hartlie commendationis to my lady your  
bedfollow, will evir pray God till haue your (lo) in his grace.  
ffrome kirkwall the fourt of maij 1584.—Your (lo) guid freind  
to all power, Orknay.

fforder it will pleis your (lo) assist my sone the Mr now  
cuming with your (lo) best counsall, as I dout nocht bot your  
(lo) will do. lykwayis your (lo) sall causs raiss me lettres of  
poynding vpon thir deweitis alss quyetlie as your (lo) may,  
and let tham to me bak agane with diligence.

[The fly leaf with the address is torn off.]

Paper signed "ORKNAY," and headed as follows: "The money  
debursit and delyuerit to my Lady sen my Lordis last  
cumming out of the South." Enclosed in his letter of 4th  
May 1584.

Item spendit in Janet forkartis tua hundrith and sevintene  
poundis money to my lady, . . . . . i<sup>o</sup> xviij libs.  
Item mair delyuerit be Mr Johne eschingtoun to dame kay to  
delyuer to my lady ane hundrith poundis, . . . . . i<sup>o</sup> libs.  
Item delyuerit be Johne sandelandis to my lady, . . . . . iii<sup>xx</sup> xv libs.  
Item delyuerit be James hay to my lady, . . . . . i<sup>o</sup> libs.  
Item mair delyuerit be Johne hammiltoun threttie-six angell  
nobillis togidder with thre scoir fyve poundis delyuerit be  
Johne dikis wyff to W<sup>m</sup> pringillis wyff at my ladyis command  
extendis to tua hundrith poundis, . . . . . ii<sup>o</sup> libs.  
Item delyuerit be Johne gifhartis wyff to my lady, . . . . . iiij<sup>xx</sup> libs.  
Item delyuerit be the laird of westra to my lady, . . . . . i<sup>o</sup> libs.  
Item delyuerit be Johne vmphray to my lady four chalder beer  
extenden in argent to ane hundrith pvnd, . . . . . i<sup>o</sup> libs.

<sup>1</sup> His second son Patrick, Prier of Whithorn, now Master of Orkney.—*Doug. Peerage.*

Item mair my lady restis to Johne forest in linlithgow sen my lordis away cuming, . . . . . viij<sup>xx</sup> libs.  
 Item mair my lady restis to Janet fokart sen my lordis away cuming for wairis tua hundrith thre scoir libs. or thair-bye, . . . . . ii<sup>c</sup> iii<sup>xx</sup> libs.  
 Item restand awand be my lady to Johne dik for satene welwet and vther wairis as the compt beeris, . . .  
 Item delyuerit be the laird of munquhan to my lady for the laird of westra nyne scoir pundis, . . . . . ix<sup>xx</sup> libs.  
 Item delyuerit be Johne hammiltoun and James dalzell for doggar fishe ressaut be thame, . . . . . vij<sup>xx</sup> libs.  
 Item delyuerit be Johne dik to my lady, . . . . . ii<sup>c</sup> libs.  
 Item send to my lady ten chalder beer with Johne dik extenden in argent to . . . . . xi<sup>xx</sup> libs.  
 Item delyuerit be my lord lendoris to my lady, . . . . . i<sup>c</sup> libs.  
 Item delyuerit to James diksoun seruitor to harie stewart maister of Orknay to be delyuerit to my lady . . . . . vi<sup>xx</sup> libs.<sup>1</sup>  
 with sindry vthir thingis delyuerit be M<sup>r</sup> Johne dischingtoun chalmerlan quhilk be hes forther.

Orknay.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
 BARNBARROCH, 16th May 1584.

My Loird and rycht speciall frind, efter my hartelie commendation, I rasaut your (l) letteris and thainkis yow of your travelland in my busines, as I salbie villing to acqueit your (l) goodwill In sik plesour as I can; yeit I haif thocht it gud to wreit To you agane to heir of the procedingis of the parlament, quhilk I haird nathing of quhill this laist frydye, and in respek of the parlament halding I thocht gud to heir sum part of it. I haif wretin to my brother<sup>2</sup> Johne to get out the extract of my brother<sup>2</sup> tomassis pension out of the prewe seill subscriuit bie robert

<sup>1</sup> Total, 2352 pounds Scots.

<sup>2</sup> We do not know of any brothers of the Laird of Garlies. His mother had married again, and he was married. He may have had half-brothers and brothers-in-law.

seinkleir keeper thairof. I think it be xx yeir or theirbye sen hie was provydit to it. I thaink yow for your scorne<sup>1</sup> quhair ye say gif I had cumit out I wald haif beine maid ane lard. ye are disposit at sam tyme to be mirre, as your waif sayis; I ame glaid thairof that ye bie merrie, and nocht to offend hir this mekill for the present, with my hartelie commendation to the Ladye your waif, I commit yow to god. at the bordland of garless, this settirdye the xvi daye of maij 1584.—Yowr (l) assurit frend at power, Garleis.

To the rycht hono<sup>1</sup> and his werie assurit gud freind  
the Laird of barnbarrache.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 19th May 1584.

My lord and rycht speciall frynd, eftir my hartelie commendationis, it will pleis yow vnderstand that I ame of new sumonit bie cowhill to heir ane contraik registerit, that was maid betuix my gudschour<sup>2</sup> and him, as yowr (L) may persais bie the coppie of the sumondis; also in ane vther sumond hie sumondis me as oy<sup>3</sup> and air to my gutschour, or vthervayis vneversall successer and intrometter with my gutschouris gudis and gear, quhilk is all togather falss in it self, for I newer mellit with ane plaik of my gutschouris gair, but samekill as I coift<sup>4</sup> fra his waif,<sup>5</sup> suae I think for bying frae hir I cain bie in nae danger, for I hair say that hie meinis to maik his allegiance, and offer him to preif that I rasaut my airschip gudis; hie will nevir try that I rasaut ony gair as airschip to my gutschour, bot as I haif affoir said; yeit I wald hie gait as Lytill to his pruiif as could bie, quhair your (l) main aduyss with Mr Jhone,<sup>6</sup> and sie gif ye and hie cain get the mater delayit at this tyme, for I entend to send out Jhone gowin aganis the third daye of Julij for to keip the daye of the secund sumondis. eftir the sicht of this sumondis

<sup>1</sup> Doubtful, ? Irony.

<sup>2</sup> Grandsire.

<sup>3</sup> Grandson.

<sup>4</sup> Bought.

<sup>5</sup> Catherine, daughter of William Stewart of Barclay, third wife of Sir A. Stewart.  
—*Collins' Peerage*.

<sup>6</sup> ? Mr John Sharpe.

ye will consider ffordre nor I cain wret. I main trubill yow to taik panis in this mater, as ye haif done in all my wther besines as I had to do, for the quhilk I maist hartelie thaink yow, and salbe redye to acqueit your gudwill in sic plesour as I cain do to plesor yow. gif my brother Jhone bie in the tone send for him, and get wit gif hie gait out the extraik of tomas pensioun out of the preve seill, and gif hie hes nocht gottin gar him yeit maik suit for it; suae for the present, haiving nae forther occation, with my hartelie commendationis to the Ladye your bedfallow, I commit your (l) to god. at quhitterne the xix daye of maii 1584.—your (l) assurit frind at power,

Garleis.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and verie especiall frind  
the lard of barnbarroche.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 2d June 1584.

My lord and rycht speciall frind, eftir my hartelie commendationis, the occation heirof is to lat your (l) vnderstand I ame informit bie my frind wilyeme foster of kidisdell,<sup>1</sup> and ane vther servand of myne callit patrik m'kyltrik in the bordland of cluistone,<sup>2</sup> and Jhone m'clarie maesone that thai ar sumonit out vpon your servand tome reidis syiss<sup>3</sup>; quhairfoir I will desyir yow to gar drawe thir thrie out of the letteris, and that becaus ye knowe thair is tuae of thame my servandis, and Jhone m'clarie is wirkand to me; this I think your (l) will do for my desyir, seing thay knaw nathin in the mater thai ar sumonit for. fforther ye sall wit that your servand dauid kynnadye hes chargit my tenentis of clymadye<sup>4</sup> for thair teindis of the fourscoir ane and fourscoir tuae yeiris of god, quhilk I think werie hard in respek that I haif nevir bein chargit thairfoir befor, as also I haif the kingis (ma) promise of that to myself with the few mail of the (of the) mainis of quhitterne suae I think ye will meill with nathing that perteinis to me. the reist of this I refer to your (l) wisdom, I wreit out to yow to haif gifin my brother

<sup>1</sup> Now Kidsdale.

<sup>2</sup> ? Clugstone.

<sup>3</sup> Assize.

<sup>4</sup> Now Claymoddie.

Jhone your counsall how hie sauld haif gottin outh the extraik of my brother tomas confirmation of his gift of his hundrethe mairk of pention that hie hes of the lord heiress<sup>1</sup> that laist deit ; it is in the queinis buik in the yeiris of god threscoir ane, threscoir tuae, or threscoir thrie, or four ; suae ye sall informe Jhone to seik it this way, and bring it hame with your (1) self, becauss I haif to do with it, as I sall Lat your (1) vnderstand at metin. as for yowr newis I ommit thame to yorself. suae for the present I commit your (1) to the protection of god. at quhitterne the second daye of Jun 1584.—Your (1) assurit frind at power,  
Garleis.

To the rycht honoll and his werie gud  
ffrind the Lard of Barnbarrache.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
10th July 1584.

Trusty and weilbelovit counsellour we greet yow weill. having directit our chekker to sit now at Ed<sup>r</sup> samony dayis owlkie (weekly) in the efternone as convenientlie may be quhill the sessioun ryse, and thaireftir daylie quhill the xx day of August, we have given ample commissioun to certane of the Lordis of our preuie counsale and sessioun, and sum utheris of knawin gude affectioun to our seruice, And amangis utheris hes maid speciall chois of yow, desyrand yow effectuslie that ye will addres yow to be and remane at Ed<sup>r</sup> for this purpois with all guidlie diligence efter your ressait heiroyf, and sa to continew quhill the said xx day of August quhairthrow the estait of our rentis being be your gude concurence and trauell brocht in order, the bipast abuses may be amendit to the contentment of our awin mynd, and the commone commoditie of our hail gude subiectis. and sa trusting that ye will nocht spair your panis and trauellis in sa gude a werk, We commit yow in the protectioun of ye Almightie. At Falkland the x day of July 1584. James R.

To our trusty and weilbelovit counsellour  
the Laird of Barnbarroch.

<sup>1</sup> Herries.



Letter from the PRIOR OF BLANTYRE to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 10th July 1584.

My lord, I belewe your (l) be nocht vnmmyndfull of the conferrens betuix your (l) and me concerning the ladye garleiss, how that scho was content to satisfie your (l) in all thingis conforme to an lytill memoriell quhilk I schow to your (l) and apperritt to content yow in al pointis, and now haifing of new resaut ane letter fra hir of the achanis drect, being willing to end as of befor, desyreing me to know your (l) mynd; and quhen and quhair your (l) will apoint the tyme and place of meitting ather in your awin presens, or els befor sic ressonable frend as may bring the mater to sic perfectioun, as all thingis maye be fynalie endit, and this vpone your (l) adverteisment thai sall nocht fail to keip. haifing nay vther thing presentlie to vryte luikis for your (l) anser, restis aye your (l) assurit efter the auld maner, with my vereye hartle comendatioun. I comit your (l) to godis eternaill tuition.<sup>1</sup> ffrome blantyre craig the x of July 15804.—Your (l) luifing frend at all power,

Blantyre.<sup>2</sup>

To my verraye gude lord of barnbarroch.

Letter from Sir ROBERT MELVILLE<sup>3</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 11th July 1584.

My Lord, eftir maist hairtlie commendationis, I man be sa hamlie at sic tyme as ather myself or freindis hes to do to truble your L, And mor speciallie man recommend vnto yow my

<sup>1</sup> ? Tutelage.

<sup>2</sup> Walter Stewart, eldest son of Sir James Stewart of Minto, then Prior of Blantyre, was created first Lord Blantyre in 1606. He was made Privy Seal in September 1582, and was constant in his attendance at meetings of the Privy Council.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Robert Melville of Murdocairney was appointed Clerk and Depute Lord Treasurer on 13th April 1582, Earl Gowrie being Treasurer. On his fall, and the appointment of the Earl of Montrose as Lord Treasurer (19th May 1584), Sir Robert retained his office. He belonged to the Lennox and Arran party, as opposed to the Ruthven raiders.

singular gude freind peter dury,<sup>1</sup> Quha hes a mater befor your L, and schortlie to be in hand. I ma thairfoir rycht effecteruslie desyir yow that he may be forderit to iustice, for his actioun will be found sa equitable as I traist your L sall na wayes fasche thairwith. And the rather fra this my requeist, quhilk ye sall fynd me reddie to acquite as the occatioun beis offerit quhairin I may do yow plesor. And sua committis you to god. ffrom falkland the xi of July 1584.—Youris rycht assurit freind at power,

Robert Melvill.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and my assurit  
freind My lord of barnbarroch.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
12th July 1584.

Trusty and weilbelovit counsellour, We greit you weil. For-samekle as we vnderstand your earnest affectioun and cair hithertillis borne to the hous of Cassillis, namelie in the keping and preserving of his persoun quha presentlie occupiis that rowme, being now a puple;<sup>2</sup> Quhairfoir it is our will That ye retene him still in your custody, knawing yow to be sa kyndlie and weil affectionat to him; And lett him not depart furth of the same to quhatsumeuir persoun or persounis suitan his deliuerie of your handis without our speciall command to deliuer him, and that ye knaw to quhom; for quhilkis thir presentis salbe to yow sufficient warrand. At Falkland, the xij day of Julij 1584.

James R.

To our trusty and weilbelouit counsellour  
the Larde of Barnbarrauche.

Letter from EARL OF MONTROSE<sup>3</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th July 1584.

My llord, Ifter my wery hairtilly commendatiownis, thir few

<sup>1</sup> On the 22d of March 1584-5 a tack set by the iconymus and convent of Dunfermline to Peter Durie of the teind of Inveresk is confirmed by an Act of the Privy Council.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iii., p. 731.

<sup>2</sup> John, fifth Earl, had succeeded his father Gilbert, the fourth Earl (on 14th December 1576), whose sister was Sir Patrick's second wife.

<sup>3</sup> Montrose had been appointed Lord Treasurer on 19th May previous.

lynnis sall be to pray yowr llo: wery effecteowsly to halld hand, and to forther sa far as llaw and gwid conscience will, ane actiowne of My freindis the yowng llaird of Moncwwris,<sup>1</sup> this llang tym depending befor yowr llo: to his grait prejwdice and skaith, qwhilk now being cwm to the wpwith, and as I onderstand allmaist to ane finall point, I will lippin that for My cawss ye will help to pwt the gentillman to ane eisse, as I sall at all occasiownis be rady to do plleaswir to yow, or to ony of yowris; and so remitting further Informatiowne to My cusing fynlae, the berer hereof, I commit yow to the protectiowne of god. frome faulklland, the xii of July 1584.—Your L: wery guid freind,

Montroiss.

To his very assurit friend the llaird of barnbarrache  
Llord of hieness colleg of Justice.

The KING's Letter to the LAIRD OF GARLIES anent the  
PRIOR OF WHITHORN, probably July 1584.

Trest freind we greit yow weill Being surelie informit how that our consigne the prior of quitharne and his administrator the lard of barnbarrache hes bene trublit and stoppit in tymes bigane in the vplifting of the fruitis and rentis of his said benefice. And vndirstanding how mekill your concurrence and aide micht awaill to him in vplifting of the same and in causing him to be thankfullie anserit and payit thair of Quhairfoir we require yow effecteouslie that ye will se and tak heid that he be anserit and obeyit of the fruitis rentis and dewiteis of the said benefice conforme to our gift and provisioun maid to him thair-opoun, And incais of thair dissobedience quha ar addetit in the same that ye will assist and concur with him in the vplifting thair of as ye will do us a thankfull plesor lipining efter your diligence and guidwill to be schewin in effect heirin we commit

<sup>1</sup> On 27th January 1579-80 James Monteur of that ilk was surety for the Constable of Dundee that he shall fulfil the king's farther pleasure and will "anent the quarrellous speich usit be him" to Robert Bruce of Pitlithie in presence of his highness.

yow to the protectioun of the almichtie god. At ffalkland the  
day of 1584.

[The signature has been cut off. No address, but endorsed in Sir Patrick Waus's hand—Ane coppe of the Kyngis ma<sup>ti</sup>s lettir vreittyn to the layrde of garleiss anent the prior of quhittarne.]

Letter from to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
18th July 1584.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendationis, pleis witt the beirer heiroyf W<sup>m</sup> Dowglas, consistoriall Clark wythin this chanorie<sup>1</sup> of elgyne of Lang tyme, vsing his wocatioun justlie and honestlie, as the maysteris of the cotis<sup>2</sup> and testamentis and syndrie otherris will testefye, yet notwythstanding, this man being agit and fallin in seiknes, ane townes man called W<sup>m</sup> gypsonne hathe obtaned the Maner of ane gyft of his offeis bie sum sinister and wrong Informatioun, Sua that the mater Is lyke to cum in prossis<sup>3</sup>; quhairfor, gyff the mater chanes to cum before yowr l, I beseik yow to help him in fordering his adoys, at leyst to presarve (gyff it may be) his lyfrent in his offeice, being ane honest persoune ondefamet. This I trayst your l will do the Rather for my caus; Sua hayffing na forder occasoun for the present, committis yow to the protectioun of the almychtie. Frome Elgyne this 18 of July 1584 yeris.

[Signature torn off.]

To the Ry<sup>t</sup> holl The Laird of Barrynbarray  
Lord of our Souerane lordis Session.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d July 1584.

My lord, and rycht speciall frind, eftir my hartelie commendation, being informit bie Jhone gowan of the cumir that your (l) tuik in my besines, for the quhilk I maist hartelie thank you, and ye sall haif me alss redye to plesor you quhene ye haif to

<sup>1</sup> Cannonry.

<sup>2</sup> Cote, a rate.

<sup>3</sup> Process.

do as your occation sall serf to imploye me. ffarther it will pleiss you vnderstand that I ame informit that the erll of mortone, with the Lord heriss, Lochinwar, bombye, and the Lord of barganye ar all chargit to compeir befor the kingis ma and counsell in senJhoirstone<sup>1</sup> the xxviiij daye of this instant; as also it was schawn to me that I was contenit in the said Letteris with the rest, yeit I ame nocht chargit this xxiiij at twae eftir none, and seing I ame sae Lait of charging I beleif thai will nocht charge me nowè, seing it is bot v dayis to the daye of comperance. albeit it bie bye<sup>2</sup> tyme, gif I bie chargit I will ryd, albeit I suild ryd baithe daye (and) nycht quhill I cum quhair the kingis ma is; quhairfoir I will desyir your (l) to staye twae or thrie dayis Langar quhill I cum to edr to yow, for gif I cum I man put you to that panis as to ryd with me to the court. I mein to bie in edr on mondaye or tysdaye nixt at the farthest, gif I get onye ather wretin or charge. the occatioun of thir chargis, as I can trye, is the Laird of Jhonstone for the rasait of the bellis and cairlellis;<sup>3</sup> bot gif I bie nocht at yow at the farthest on wadinisdaye, I will desyir yow staye na Langar vpone me. Jhone godwin schewe me hie beleivit ye suild nocht cum hame sae schortlie as ye meint to cum for sum occasionis that the kingis ma wreit to yow for, and gif ye cum nocht, and that I cum nocht to yow, I will desyir yow to send sum of your newis hame with the Ladye your woif, or ellis with sum vther that cumis soner in throw. Suae, with my hartelie commendationis, I commit yow to god, at quhitterne the xxiiij daye of Julij 1584.

—Yowr assurit frind at power, Garleis.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and his verie assurit gud frind  
the Laird of barnbarroch.

<sup>1</sup> Perth.

<sup>2</sup> Beyond.

<sup>3</sup> The Bells and Carliles. This sentence throws light on a Border feud. Johnstone, as warden of the marches, had apprehended and imprisoned, in the House of Bonshaw, "certane personis of the surnames of the Bellis and Irwingis, to the nowmer of xviii personis or thereby, as notorious offendouris, rebellis, and disobedient personis." James Douglas of Drumlanrig, Robert Douglas, provost of Lincluden, with other Douglasses and Bells, Carliles and Irvings, "to the nowmer of fiftie men or thairby, bodin in feir of weir," had rescued them and set them at liberty. For this the Privy Council, on 29th October 1583, had



Letter from another LORD OF SESSION to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 28th July 1584.

My lord, efter hartlie commendatioun, bein sufficientlie Informit In this actioun of suspentioun depending befoire vss betwix our cousing robert erskyne and michell balfour, sone to vmquhyll Ser James balfour of pittendreiche, knycht, and at the last dayis ressoning in your presence, the kingis matiis advocat compeiring for his duties, quhilk being refusit be Interlocutor In respect his ressonne nocht bein lybellit In the said suspentioun, quhairthrow the said robert our cousing past thairfre, and is forsit to craue new suspentioun In Judiciall presence, and becauss ye ar hestelie to ryiss;<sup>1</sup> thairfor I maist affecteouslie requeist yow that ye will forther him to new suspentioun presentlie, according to the law and practike obsarvit In the lyik, quhilk vtherwayis being refusit at this sessioun, may be to his greit hourt or<sup>2</sup> the nixt, quhilk we viss<sup>3</sup> nocht to be for laike of Justice. this lwking for our said cousingis forther at your handis, quhairin ye will do vss maist exseptabill plesour, this committis yow to god. frome sanctionstone<sup>4</sup> the xxviii of Julie.<sup>5</sup>—Yo<sup>r</sup> ll gude freynd.

[Signature torn off. The seal is that of the Earl of Cassillis.]

To my werray gude freind and maich<sup>6</sup>  
the laird of Barnbarrocht.

imprisoned Drumlanrig in the Castle of Edinburgh, and Lincluden in that of Blackness. On the 1st March 1583-4, proclamation was ordered at the Market Cross of Dumfries, charging the lieges not to reset, etc., twelve Bells, five Carliles, and five Irvings, all named, with their accomplices, because, having been taken and "kepit in several wards" for punishment, they had been rescued by violence, and have ever since "bene ressett, suppleit, fortifeit, and mantenit in their rebelloun, not onlie be divers baronis and landit men his Hienes subjectis, bot within the heid burgh of the sherefdom of Dumfries" (*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iii., pp. 607, 638). Garlies' letter gives an idea of who the barons and landed men were.

<sup>1</sup> Soon to rise.

<sup>2</sup> Before.

<sup>3</sup> Wish.

<sup>4</sup> Perth.

<sup>5</sup> Sir J. Balfour having died in December 1583, this was probably written in 1584.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iii., p. 514.

<sup>6</sup> Son or brother in law.

Letter from JOHN NICOLSON<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
28th August 1584. [Holograph.]

My lord, eftir maist humble commendatioun of my seruice, Althocht I haif iust caus to complene vpoun your (l) be ressoun of the non keping of your day, And als becaus your (l) promeis is not kepit vnto me, insafer as I haif not ressauit compleit payment of the 11<sup>e</sup> lb, bot nyne scoir pundis thair of alanerly; yit for the reuerence I beir vnto your (l), and becaus I am informit that your (l) is dissapoyntit be sum merchandis of this toun, quhome in ye lippinnit mair nor the valour of that sowme, I will nocht vse extremitye aganis your (l), Albeit I be preissit thairvnto be my lord collector generall.<sup>2</sup> And thairfoir I dowl nocht bot your (l) will caus mak me payment of that xx lb quhilk is retanid, for certainly it hes anoyit me mekle to suffer my siluer wark to ly sa lang in gadge for na proffeit to my self, and than to ressaue vnthankfull payment. The Berar hes promissit in your (l) name that it salbe payit within ten or xii dayis at the fardest, quhairin I pray your (l) to be cairfull of the keping of this promeis, that I be nocht dissapoyntit in this litill sowme, as I haif bene this yer bygane, for It is to my greitt expenssis. My lord collector, being in this toun at the parliament, hes thrippit vpon me that I wes caution to him for your (l) for the haill sowme contenit in your obligation, and hes preissit me to pay him the rest of your obligation, extending to 1<sup>e</sup> Lxxv li and od schillingis, conforme to your obligation, and albeit I declarit to him that I had supersedit yow to the thrid day of october, yit I culd find na grace, Bot it behuiffit me to caus furnise him 1<sup>e</sup> li thair of, quhilk the provest of this toun hes done at my desyir, and hes ressauit me caution thairfoir betuixt this and the first day of october. And thairfoir I will beseik your (l) to caus the rest of the money to be in reddines, at the leist samekle thair of as will satisfie the provest, betixt and the first of october nixt, for vtherwyis I man vse my lordis lettres aganis your (l), or than I man sit in the tollbuyt of edy<sup>r</sup>. I

<sup>1</sup> Probably clerk to Mr John Sharpe (see postscript).

<sup>2</sup> Of the thirds. This was Adam, Commendator of Cambuskenneth.

knaw my lord hes writtin to yow for this same effect. as for the new actis of parliament, thair ar few maid at this tyme, for the honoris came bot ane day<sup>1</sup> to the tollbyt, vpon the quhilk day all the forfaltouris wer sumerly decernit(?) Thair is ane act maid aganis the beneficit personis,<sup>2</sup> ordaining thame to acknawledge the k authorite to approve the lait actis of parliament, and to acknawledge the byschop as the ordiner, and to subscriue ane obligation to that effect to the Bishop; and, In cace thay refuse, to tyne thair benefice ipso facto. Item ane act declaring all pensionis gevin furth of the twa part of the Bischoprikis of Sanct andros, glasgw, and aberdeen to be null, reservand alwyis the k modification. The auld bischop of Dunkeld is restorit exceptand kileiperis takkis. Ane act ordaining thre fishe dayis in the ould, Wednesday, fryday, and setterday vnder the ple of confiscatioun of all thair movable guddis. This is the sum of the new actis, by<sup>3</sup> ratification of auld actis. safar as I remember. And suae I commit your (l) to the protection of god. fra edy<sup>r</sup> the xxviii day of Agust 1584 yeris.—Youris (l) at power to be commandit with service,

Jo. Nicolson.

I haif dischargit your commission to my M<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Jo Scharpe, quha hes him hartly commendit to your (l).

To the Rycht hono<sup>l</sup> Ser patrik  
Vaus of barnebarro knyght, ane  
of the senatouris of the  
colledge of Justice.

Letter signed "ARDMILLAN,"<sup>4</sup> to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
6th September 1584 (?).

Me lord, efter me hartlie commendatioune, this present is till aduerteis your (l) that your (L) vrait to me for the witsunday termes mail of the fourscoir yeir of god, quhilk I wald haue

<sup>1</sup> The Privy Council sat on 26th, 27th, and 28th August, in Edinburgh.

<sup>2</sup> These were acts hostile to the Kirk, passed under Arran's administration.

<sup>3</sup> Besides.

<sup>4</sup> Ardmillan, near Girvan. The Laird is not identified, but he was a Kennedy.

send to your L, geif I had gottin ane sufficient discharge; for the dewtie of my land is bot xxiiij lib ten schillingis at the terme; And alss alex<sup>ris</sup> part, my eme, is bot sevin lib termelie. forder your (L) commandit Johne kennedye of knockdaw to speik with me, and to schaw me your L mynd thairvpon; I haue delyuerit to Johne kennedye the haill sowme bayth of myne awin part and of alex<sup>r</sup> my eme, and hes send dischargis to your (L) to subscriue. And in the meintyme ane Johne bannatyne<sup>1</sup> and chargit me, and my eme bayth, to pay the mertimes termes maill of the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir thre yeiris, and sicklik the witsonday termes maill preceeding in the said fourscoir thre yeiris; your (L) sall wit that I and alex<sup>r</sup> my eme hes payit the same to Jo<sup>n</sup> scherar in name of M<sup>r</sup> Robert,<sup>2</sup> and hes Johne scheraris<sup>2</sup> dischargis thairvpon togidder with M<sup>r</sup> Robertis, and alss the chargis of the Lordis to pay the same to thame; quhairfoir I beleue your L will nocht trubill me forder, seing that I haue payit it, bot will stay forder chargis quhill the law dayis, or quhill your L and I speik; And your L anseris in wryte quhat I sall lippen to. Sua committis your L to god. Off Ardmilland the saxt day of september.—Be your assurit freind at command,

Ardmylland.

To the rycht honorabill My  
Lord of Barnebarroch  
this be delyuerit.

Letter from the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH to the LAIRD OF  
GARLIES, 23d September 1584. [Holograph.]

Rycht hono<sup>l</sup> Ser, efter my hartlie commendatione, and<sup>3</sup> ye be remembirit I wret to yow of befoir quhow that the gude man of the achanis, antony Ro<sup>t</sup> stewart,<sup>4</sup> and Johne Dunbar, your freindis

<sup>1</sup> A word seems to be omitted, ? came, or has been.

<sup>2</sup> Mr Robert, probably Stewart, chamberlain of Whithorn; and John Scherar was a messenger-at-arms.

<sup>3</sup> An, if.

<sup>4</sup> Antony and Robert Stewart were sons by his third marriage of Sir Alexander Stewart of Garlies, and therefore half-brothers of the present Laird of Garlies' father.

and seruandis, had cheyssit<sup>1</sup> Jone m'morran messinger in that w<sup>am</sup> gordounis hous, and had slane him war nocht his defenss, and the gude man of the hous; and antony had said for the execution of the pryoris letteris he sould brek his heid, and now the this last nycht, at v houris efter none, antony, m'bryd his seruand, and Jo<sup>no</sup> glen tuik sett<sup>2</sup> vpoun the said Johne m'morrane, and wald haif slane him, war nocht w<sup>am</sup> gordoun; to quhome he said he wes evyr pairt to resett ony that come out of the place of barnbarach, and alss said that he sould haif m'morrane lyf, tak his part quha wald in galloway. sua seyn<sup>3</sup> Ser that all this is done for the executioun of the k ma<sup>tis</sup> letters for the pryoris<sup>4</sup> caus and myne, and I think ye as bailye, quha in your office of bailyerie is suorne to mantene and defend him in his pryorie, suld not be content that his office suld ony wayiss be in this maner handillit; and with the quhilk for my part can nocht be content thairwith, bot to haif reformatioun heiroy as honestie requiris. and ser, gif I had bene alss vikit as sum in the cuntray, I could haif bene evin with ro<sup>t</sup> stewart,<sup>5</sup> quha past yester nycht to quhitthern in his aleyne, sua it may nocht stand with my dewtie to cheiss<sup>1</sup> the pryoris seruandis for the executioun of his letteris, and thai to rin as thai do. Remitting the rest to your wisdome, and credit to the berar as to my selff; I think this is evill payment, and ane vrang vay to seik the pryoris kyndnes, to vse this maner of dailling, and salbe fund in my debt presentlie mair nor for hundreth merkis. sua I committis your (m) In the protectioun of the almychtie god. frome barnbarach the xxiiij day of september 1584. Barnbarrache.

And farther this wes done quhen the said officer ves passand to the mercat town of wigtown, to haif chargit the lard of killasser, and wtheris of the pryore, to mak payment to the k ma<sup>tes</sup> of his thrid, and the pryorie of his dewtie as syndre vitnesis.

To the hono<sup>ll</sup> the lard of garleiss.

Written on back—

The coppe of ane letter I send to the layrde of garleyss.

<sup>1</sup> Chased.

<sup>2</sup> May be "took and set upon."

<sup>3</sup> Seeing.

<sup>4</sup> Of Whithorn.

<sup>5</sup> A Mr Robert Stewart was chamberlain of Whithorn.



Letter from MACHIRMORE, Younger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably 24-29th September 1584.

My Lord, Efter my hartlie commendation of service, forsa-mekill as the laird of garleis cheve<sup>1</sup> me that anttone steward minded to misvs<sup>2</sup> your l offiser, quhairof I marvall, gewe your L maisteris<sup>3</sup> ony purpus that I am nocht aduertisit as your (l) freind. my lord, I man desyir your (l) make nocht ane bake of me. in tyme of service and neid I sall be als reddie to sye<sup>4</sup> the honour of your (L) hooss as ony freind that parties the hooss of barinbarocht in chotland. Swa I remit all wthir occation to your (L) aduertisement, quhan your (L) thinkis gud. the lard of garliss vill be at barinbaracht this setterday, vyle<sup>5</sup> be your (L) in godis favour. of fichyle,<sup>6</sup> this fourisday, be your (L) assurit frend and seruand to his vtirmist,

Machrimor Youngerr.

To my veray speciall gud lord  
my lord of barinbarach.

Letter from WILLIAM GORDON of Barquhill to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably 1584.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun of service, this present is lat your (l) know that the lard of garleiss officer hes cum this monoon day<sup>7</sup> to your (lo) grwnd of appilbe, and thair requirit me and my servandis to lay in baylze work<sup>8</sup> to him; the quhilk I reffusit; thane he wald haif bene in my pwirmenis<sup>9</sup> houssis to haif pundit thame, the quhilk I stayit him, and wald nocht lat him mell<sup>10</sup> wyth nane of the pwirmenis<sup>9</sup> geir, bot desyrit him to gang to the grund, and tak sik lyk geir as wald satefe<sup>11</sup> the lard his maister; the quhilk he hes tane ane gray hors of myne: and in respek of your (lo) contromanding me on

<sup>1</sup> Shew, showed.      <sup>2</sup> Doubtful, perhaps Misuse.

<sup>3</sup> Misteris, *i.e.*, needs.

<sup>4</sup> See.      <sup>5</sup> ? Quhile, till then.      <sup>6</sup> ? For Physgill, a local name.      <sup>7</sup> Monday.

<sup>8</sup> Work done gratis by tenants for a landlord. The bailie was the representative of the baron, who had power of "pit and gallows," *i.e.*, of death. The word "Bailie-day" is still in use in Wigtownshire, when farmers send their horses and ploughs to assist a neighbour.

<sup>9</sup> Poor men's.

<sup>10</sup> Meddle.

<sup>11</sup> Satisfy.

fraday last, I wald gef him na geir, bot lat him tak; quhairthrow your (lo) may crayf<sup>1</sup> spwlzie<sup>2</sup> on the same, or vthirwyss seik remeid as your (lo) thinkis meit; for I haif sindre famovs witness, vthis nor my awn servandis, that he haid ony pretext of punding, except the lardis command. I tuk this cummer to hald your (lo) heretaig<sup>3</sup> out of wrang, (ws) as your (lo) commandit me, the quhilk I haif ewill will for the same doing; gaif I haif your (lo) gudwill I forss<sup>4</sup> the les. your lo aduertice me in wryt quhat your (lo) thinkis to do thairin, for I think ane peice of schame that my geir is tane by<sup>5</sup> the rest. and furdar I marwell mekle on your (lo) that send nocht on sunday. as ye promesit, to gar deuyd<sup>6</sup> the medowis<sup>7</sup> according to my complent: yet as of befor I pray your (lo) to send downe your awin servandis to deuyd<sup>6</sup> thame, for I will complent to na uthersis to ewin thingis of your heretaig, bot your self: and this I hoip your (l) will nocht fail to do, or aduertice me in wryt quhiddir ye will do It or nocht. Nocht ellis, bot committe your (lo) to the protectione of god. frome appilbe, this teysday, Be youris (lo) seruitor,

William gordoun of  
barquhulle.

And fardar your (lo) sall wndirstand vpone teysday eftir the deytment<sup>8</sup> of this wryt, the officer brocht my hors agane, and band him in my closs; and Johne the lardis broder, and tomas with him, and vthersis of thair complexis; and offirat strakis to my servandis, and tuik thre of thame prisors<sup>9</sup> wyth thame. Anent the hors I wald tak na intromissione wyth him, bot latis him gang for his awin hand in the craige; thairfoir your (lo) will aduertice me in wryt geif I sall intromet wyth the hors; or vthirwayis geif your (lo) will persew for spulze: the rest reffaris to your (lo) aduertisement, for I dow nocht beir wyth sik oppression, and pay your (lo) sua greit dewate.<sup>10</sup>

To the rycht honorabill and my maist speciall  
my lord of barinbaroch.

<sup>1</sup> Crave.

<sup>2</sup> Spulzie, plunder.

<sup>3</sup> Heritage.

<sup>4</sup> Forss, sc., *vn.* to care.

<sup>5</sup> Rather than.

<sup>6</sup> Divide.

<sup>7</sup> Meadows.

<sup>8</sup> Date.

<sup>9</sup> Prisoners.

<sup>10</sup> Duty, *i.e.*, rent.

Letter from Mr JOHN SHARPE<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH  
29th September 1584.

My lord, efter maist hartlie recommendation, I ressavit your l letter fra the berar, and geve your l hartlie thankis for your panis takin In the executioun of my inhibition. I pray your l do the lyk diligence In executioun of my summondis of spulzie and removing. I wuld glaidlie your l sould send vnto me with the nixt sure berer the Inhibition, with sum gude Information of the quantete of the teyndis of this last crope, that I may haive ane vther summondis execute thairvpone befor the feist of martymes nixttocum. I wald glaidlie mak ane travell of all, for I think my selff very unthankfullie handillit be thame quha sould acknowlege me better. David<sup>2</sup> has your summondis directit according to your Informatioun, and I have helpit that it mycht be relevantlie libellit. The sowmes ar greit quhilkis ye haiff to craiff, And thairfor I take the gretair cair that the summondis mycht be weill In order. The particularis quhilkis your l committit to the beraris credit wer noch mony; I remitt the anser thairof to himselff, for he knawis quhat anser to giff In ony thing that your l commandit him to speke vnto me. The pest is in diuerss partis of fyff and In perthe. The kingis maiestie removit vpone the fear thairof from ruthuen to streveling.<sup>3</sup> The parliament wes contenewit first to the xx day of september, thairefter to the xxviij day of the saym monethe, thairefter to the xxix day quhilk Is this Instant day, And this day Is contenewit to monday nixttocum,

<sup>1</sup> Mr John Sharpe was called to the bar 9th January 1541. He was Dean of Advocates in 1582.

<sup>2</sup> Mr David M'Gill was a lawyer in practice, and became King's Advocate. He was "son to umqle Mr James M'Gill, Clk. Regr," and he was called to the bar 20th December 1580.

<sup>3</sup> In Moysie's Memoirs (p. 51) is the following passage: "Vpon the xxiiij day of August (1584) the king past from Edinburgh to Falkland, and fra thence to Ruthuen, quhaire he remaining ten dayis or ever he knew there wes sex houssis infectit in Perth, his seruandis being theare: and thairfoir with a few number the samyn nycht depairted to Tullibardin, and from that to Sterling, leavand his hail hovesald and seruandis encloisit in Ruthuen."

quhilk sall be the ferd day of october. The kingis maiestie menis to be present. The tutor of cassillis<sup>1</sup> hes na help of his freindis, and Is at very greit charges I am Informet for his libertie. I knaw nocht certainle quhat may succed. we heir fra Ingland that our souerane lordis mother<sup>2</sup> is takin furthe of the handis ef the erle of schrewisberie, and delyverit to the keping of Ser raulff saidler. thair Is sum brute<sup>3</sup> of alteration In that court, Bot we haiff na certantie. Sua, haveing na forther occasion to writt for the present, after my hartlie commendation to your bedfallow, I committ you bayth to the protection of the everlesting. ffrom Ed<sup>r</sup> this xxix of September 1584.—Be your l at power to be commandit, Jo Schairpe.

To my Very gude Lord my lord of barnebarocht ane of the senatoris of our souerane lordis college of Justice.

Letter from THOMAS M'CLELLAND of Bomby to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 6th October 1584.

My Loird efter maist hartlie commendatioun your (l) be rememberit. The last tyme that I spak wythe yow thair wes sum difference Betuixt your L and the laird of garleis, Quhilk difference was refarrit to the jugement of freyndis, And I to haif bene ourisman, and suld haif met At the ferry<sup>4</sup> the aucht day of thes Instant; Quhilk meitting I think nocht neidfull to me to keip, In respect I will nocht accept that burdthen upon me, And that, because I fand sa greit ane difficultie in yow baythe that I thocht hard to discurse. Quhilk I schew your

<sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Kennedy of Colzean. He had been imprisoned in Blackness in May as suspected of being in the conspiracy to seize Stirling, with Angus, Mar, Glamis, and others, who had fled to England.

<sup>2</sup> Arran had been in power now for more than a year. Besides employing the most rigorous measures against the supporters of the Ruthven raid, he had restored to favour many of those who had been adherents of the queen's party, whose influence was felt to such an extent that the English agents had reported strongly on it to Queen Elizabeth and her ministers, believing that there was active communication between her and the court of her son. The natural consequence was a change in the place of her imprisonment, and of those who were responsible for her.

<sup>3</sup> Bruit, report.

<sup>4</sup> Over the Cree.

(l) at our departing—Praying your (l) to tak thes anser in ane gude part, ffor trewlie, gef my trawell mycht haif brocht this to ane gude succes, I wald haif left nathing wndone that lay in my power, as knawis god, Quhome mot preserve yow in gude helthe.

Off Kirkcubrycht thes saxt of October.—Youris gud frend at hes pouar, Bomby.

The Ry<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> and his gude freynd  
the Loird of Barnebarroche.

Letter from the EARL OF BOTHWELL<sup>1</sup> to Mr PATRICK WAUS,  
23d October 1584.

Me Lord, forsamekle as we ar sumound to vnderly the law the tent of november nixtocum, for the slauchter of vmquhile David Home; Thairfoir we will maist ernistlie craue your (l) presens the said day, accompaneit with your (l) freindis and servandis, to the defence of our lyves, quhilk we sall nocht spair to hasard for your l quhensoeuer the alyik occasioun salbe offerit; And that it will pleis your l to caus your folkis meit ws at Dalkeyth the nynt of the sam moneth be tuelf houres for accompaneing of ws to the toun to the effect abouewrittin; quhair-intill awaiting your (l) anser, our hairtlie commendatiounis being rememberit, we commit your l to the eternall. Frome Crichtoun this xxvi of october 1584.—be Your (l) assurid freind to oure vter power, Bothuell.

To the rycht Hono<sup>ll</sup> Mr Patrik Vause off Barnbarrocht  
ane of the senatouris of the College of iustice.

<sup>1</sup> This is by Francis, Earl of Bothwell. He was son of Sir John Stewart, Prior of Coldingham, natural son of King James V., by Jean, daughter of Patrick, Earl of Bothwell, by Agnes Sinclair, and nephew of James, Earl of Bothwell, who married Mary Queen of Scots. He was born in 1562; and in 1581 King James VI. created him Earl Bothwell, restored to him the forfeited estates, and made him Lord High Admiral of Scotland. In Fraser Tytler's History he says that Bothwell had killed David Home of Manderston, called "Davie the Deevil." A David Home, together with Lord Home and others, had to find caution in £10,000 on the 12th of December 1583, that they shall not "offer any kynd of injurie" to Francis, Earl Bothwell "unto the tent day of Maii nix to cum." And on the 19th February Lord Bothwell and others found caution also in £10,000 that he and his friends shall keep the peace to "Alex<sup>r</sup>, Prior of Coldinghame, David Home of Cranschankis, and their friends, till the 10th of May next."



Marriage Contract between JANET WAUS and WILLIAM  
ADAIR, Jun., 25th October 1584.

[At this time Jonet (or Jane), Sir Patrick's third daughter by his first marriage, was married to William, second son of William Adair of Kinhilt, to whom she was related; Lady Helen Kennedy, daughter of Gilbert, second Earl of Cassillis, having married the Laird of Kinhilt. Their marriage contract here follows.]

At the Kirk of Glenluce the tuentie fyve day of October the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir four yeiris, It is appointit, contractit, and finallie aggreit, betuix the honourabill parteis vndervrittin, To wit William Adair of Kinhilt elder, and Niniane Adair his sone and appeirand air, takand the burthing vpoun thaim for William Adair of Mulhill, secund sone to the said William Adair elder, on that ane parte, and Sir Patrik Waus of Barnbarrach, knycht, takand the burthing vpoun him for Jonet Waus his laichfull and thrid dochter on the vther parte, in maner as efter followis; To wit the said William Adair of Mulhill sall god willing marie, and to wyf haiff, in face of hallikirk as vse is, the said Jonet, and sall solemnizat the band of matrimonie with hir betuix the dait heirof and the last day of November nixto-cum; and the said William Adair elder, and Niniane his appeirand air, sall warrand the Infestment alreddie gevin to the said William Adair of Mulhill of the saidis landis of Mulhill, and Kerymgiroch,<sup>1</sup> lyand within the parochin of Kirkmadein, in Rennis,<sup>2</sup> and sheref dome of Wigtoun; and als the said William Adair of Mulhill sall infest the said Jonet, his futtir spous, the langest lewar of thame tua, in coniunct fie, and the airis maill lauchfullie to be gottin betuix thaim, quhilkis failzeing [etc., etc.], with speciall warandice to the said Jonet for hir lyf tyme fra all wardis, relewis, non entris, and wtheris inconwenience quhatsumeuir. And siclyk the said William Adair elder, and Niniane Adair his appeirand air, bindis and oblissis thaim and thair airis to obtene heritabill Infestment of few ferm of all and haill the fyve merkland of Altoun, with the pertinentis, lyand as

<sup>1</sup> Now Cairngarroch.

<sup>2</sup> The Rhinns.

said is, to be haldin of our souerane lord the kingis maiestie, and his successouris, for the yeirlie payment contenit in the kingis maiestie rentall, with augmentatioun of sex schilling aucht pennies betuix the dait heirof, and the day of

. And immediatlie thairefter the said Niniane oblissis him and his airis to infest heritabillie the said William his brother and his forsaidis in all and haill the saidis fyve merkland of Altoun, with the pertinentis, to be haldin of him, and his airis, and successouris, for the yeirlie payment contenit in the said kingis rentall and agmentatioun, with agmentatioun mair of fourtie penneis, and with the bodillie seruice of the saidis Williame and his forsaidis airis alenerlie. [A clause of warrandice follows, and then the Adairs bind themselves formally] to Infest the said Jonet in lyfrent in all and haill ane yeirlie annuellrent of saxtene bollis meill, and aucht bollis beir, mesour of Wigtoun, furt of the half of the said fyve merkland of Altoun, at the termis betuix youle<sup>1</sup> and candilmes, as vse is. ffor the quhilkis caussis the said Sir Patrik Waus of Barnbarrach, knyght, bindis and oblissis him, his airis, executoris, and assigneys, to thankfullie content and pay to the saidis William Adair of Mulhill, in name of tochir with the said Jonet, the sowme of ane thowsand merkis gude and vsuall money of this realme, to be payit at the termes following; To wit fyve hundreth merkis to be payit betuix and the first day of Januar, the yeir of god J<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir fyve yeiris, and the vther fyve hundreth merkis to be payit betuix the first day of Januar, the yeir of god J<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir saxt yeris, in haill and compleit payment of ane thowsand merkis money forsaid. And incace the said William Adair of Mulhill to forsee ane ressonabill blok<sup>2</sup> of landis to his vtillitie and proffit, in that cace the said Sir Patrik and his forsaidis bindis him to furneis the saidis first fyve hundreth merkis at the sight of the said Williame elder, vpoun the premonitioun of fourtie dayis warning, as the said William sall pleis charge. Provyding alwayis that the said haill siluer be laid vpoun land, and that the said Jonet salbe put in coniunct fie with hir said husband in the

<sup>1</sup> Yule.

<sup>2</sup> Bargain.

saidis landis for hir lyftyme. And siclyke the said Niniane Adair bindis and obliissis him and his airis to infest the said William Adair of Mulhill, and his futtir spous, and thair airis, in ane annuall rent of fourtie pundis money be yeir out of the landis of \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>1</sup> ay and quhill he and his forsaidis pay to the saidis William Adair of Mulhill, and his forsaidis, the sowme of fyve hundreth merkis money vpoun reuersioun, as vse is, and conforme to the said contract betwixt said William Adair elder and Niniane Adair his appeirand air of the dait at Drummoir the yeir of god forsaid. And gif it happinis the saidis Jonet to leif, and remane on lyf, efter the said William hir futtir spous, in that cace scho sall ask nor crave na mair proffitt, dewtie, nor terce of the saidis Williamis landis efter his deceiss, but sall hald hir content of the Infestmentis abone writtin. And giff it happinis the said William to haiff na airis maill, bot famell with the said Jonet, in that cace the said William obliissis his airis maill, succeeding to his landis and heritage, to pay to euerie dochter, beand of saxtene yeiris of aig, in name of tochir with euerie ane of thaim, the sowme of \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup> hundreth merkis; becaus thai will succeid to na landis nor heritage, and siclyk the saidis William and Jonet sall ask nor craif na vther barnis part of geir efter the deceiss of hir father, or vmquhile mother,<sup>2</sup> bot the said tochir to be sufficient recompence for hir said barnis parte of geir in all tyme cuming. [Registration clause follows.] In vitnes heirop the saidis parteis hes sub-scryuit this contract with thair handis; day, yeir, and place forsaid, befor thir witnessis, Johne Kennedy of Barquhonie, Dauid Ferguson, and Johne McMorran, messingeris, with vtheris diuers. (Sic subscribitur). Syr Patrik Waus of Barnbarroch, Knycht. William Adair of Mulhell. Wilyam Adair of Kenhelt.

[The following receipt for 600 merks, dated 23d October 1587, shows that the tocher was not forthcoming even then, but that 100 merks was to be paid by Kennedy of Barwhanny, and Sir Patrick was to grant a rent charge of 50 merks (10 per cent.) for the remaining 500. Ready money was scarce.]

<sup>1</sup> Blank in original.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Patrick's first wife.

Receipt by WILLIAM ADAIR, Jun., 23d October 1587.

I Williame Adair of Ganoch grantis me to haiff ressaut fra the honorabill Schir Patrik Waus of Barbarroch the sowme of sex hundreth merkis money, of certane sowmes of money promisit to me be his lordschip in our contract of marraige as tochir with Jane Waus his dochtir, my spous, quhair of ane hundreth merkis money to be pait be John Kennedy of Barquhonny in his lordschipis name, and saising gewin to me and my said spous in ane annnale rent of fyftie merkis money, quhill his lordschip pay to ws and our airis fyve hundreth merkis, in the landis of Maitland,<sup>1</sup> lyand in the parochin of Wigtoun. And thairfor dischargis and exoneris the said Schir Patrik, his airis executouris and assignais, of the said sowme of sax hundreth merkis money promisit to ws in tochir, as said is, for me, my airis executouris and assignais, for euer. Be this my acquittance, gevin and subscriuit At Barbarroch the xxij day of October, the yeir of God 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxx sevin yeris, Befoir John Kennedy of Barquhonny, Mr William M<sup>c</sup>Gowyn commissar of Wigtoun, David Kennedy, and Thomas Waus, seruitouris to the said Schir Patrik, with wtheris diuers,

William Adair of  
Gannok w<sup>t</sup> my hand.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 1st November 1584.

My lord, eftir my hartelie (commen)<sup>2</sup>dationis, ye sall wit I haif rasaut ane wretin frae the erle (of bothu)ell, schawing that hie is summonned to onder(lye th)e lawe for the slachter (of) vmquhile david hum the tent daye of this (moneth)e; for the quhilk hie des(yr)is me to accompany him to the said daye, (accumpan)yit with my frindis and servandis, quhilk on nae waye I can refuiss. (Thairfoir) I will desyir yow as my speciall frind that ye wilbie redye (to ryd) with me to the foirsaid daye of lawe, accompanyit with your frindis and (servandis). I intend to ryd out of mynygof on frydaye nixt, (and) I will

<sup>1</sup> Sir Patrick was designated of Maidland in 1560.

<sup>2</sup> Part of the paper is frayed away.

desyir yow to meit me bie ix houris befoir none, that we (may) ryd togather. this nocht dowting ye will do, suae to metin as saidis, I (comm)it yow to god. at quhitterne this sondaye the first of nouember 1584.—Your frind assurit, Garleis.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup>  
the Laird of Barnbarroch.

[Neither the Earl of Bothwell or the Laird of Garlies seem to have thought there could be any objection to ask a judge to come at the head of as many armed friends and servants as he could bring, to attend and support a person, who was to stand his trial for homicide before his colleagues on the bench, or perhaps himself.]

Letter from THOMAS, Tutor of Cassillis, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, May-November 1584.

Broder, eftir my richt hartlie commendationes, ye sall vnderstand that I am chairgeit, as also the tennentis of corsraguell, be the collector for ane gretar third out of the benefice of corsraguell nor the haill soume will extend to yeirlic, that we haif be the richt of our servis of the haill temporall landis. alwayis it is trew the lyk questioun araiss the tyme that my lord boyd wes collector. the tennentis wes chairgeit for thair dewtie to him, and siclik thay wer chairgeit be ye erle of Cassillis as takisman to pay thair dewtie to him, and the tennentis suspendit in respect of the dubill charge; And the parteis being baith summonit, the erle of cassillis wes decernit to haue the best richt be virtew of his tak; In the quhilk tak the haill benefice wes set to him for vij<sup>e</sup> merkis, quhilk dewtie he wes ordanit to pay all haill to m<sup>r</sup> george buchquhannane, than on lyif. In the quhilk respect that benefice wes decernit frie of ony fourt, and vpone this specell ressonne, as ye will parsaiue be the decret, becaus my fader wes takisman to the haill benefice for the same sowme, and swa the samin culd not be estemit done in prejudice of the thrid, seing it wes lang done befoir the assumptioun of thridis. and now, in consideratioun of m<sup>r</sup> george deceiss, we



wilbe content to pay the thrid of the dewtie contenit in our tak as the king will direct us. Alwyiss in the first we will require ane suspensioun; quhilk ye man hald hand to vpone thir ressonis; ffor it wald be the gretast inconvenient that euir my lord of Cassillis sustenit, gif he suld be alterit by<sup>1</sup> his tak. I will pray yow be sa guid to tak the paynis to convene yourself with m<sup>r</sup> John scharp and my guid fader,<sup>2</sup> that ye may all thrie consult heirupon. fforder Johnne Kennedy hes declarit to me that ye ar desyrous to haue your goishalk fra robert stewart. ffor anser I understuid ye had bettir skill of ane halk nor swa, ffor the best halk that is can nocht be reddy to tak af hir blok afoir the last of this moneth. And sa sone as sho may thoill to be tursit<sup>3</sup> I sall send robert and hir baith to yow. fforder I dout nocht bot ye haif ressavit the lettres of culzeane fra m<sup>r</sup> aley<sup>r</sup> machane, or utherwyiss it apperis thair is sum plaig to follow on thame, that thay ar sa oft mintit to,<sup>4</sup> and can nocht be gottin ressaut. Haifing na forder occatioun for the present, Referring the rest to the experience of your earnestnes heirein. Comittis yow to god. Off blaknes,<sup>5</sup> this monunday.—Be youris assurit broder,

Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To the richt hono<sup>l</sup> and my belouit broder  
the laird of barnbaro<sup>t</sup>.

Letter from Sir THOMAS KENNEDY of Colzean to the SHERIFF  
OF GALLOWAY, 1584.

Traist freind, eftir my hartlie commendationes, I ressaut your lettre, and consideris be the same that the laird of barnbarocht is earnest with yow for that hundreth pundis that he wes cautioner for. It is trew my seruandis hes ressaut ane part of it; alwyiss I sall releif yow at the laird of barnbarochtis handis howsone he cumis to ed<sup>r</sup>, and thairof ye salbe certane without langar delay. and as to the males, quhilkis he craveis out of the barony, as I persauie be thair lettre, he wilbe awand me twyiss alsmeikle male out of glenluce, quhilk salbe allowit to

<sup>1</sup> By, contrary to.

<sup>2</sup> Mr David M<sup>c</sup>Gill (see note, p. 305).

<sup>3</sup> Packed up.

<sup>4</sup> Attempted.

<sup>5</sup> See note, p. 306.

him, ane part of the ane for the vther. alwyiss nather ye nor the tennentis sall ressaue truble for ony of thir causis, Swa that howsone he cumis to ed<sup>r</sup> ye salbe fred. Haveing na forder occasioun for the present, I commit yow in godis protectioun. Off blaknes this satirday Be youris assurit freind,

thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my richt traist friend  
the Sereff off galloway.

Agreement between the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH and JOHN WALLACE, husband of DAME STEWART LADY GARLIES, 5th November 1584.

At Barnbarroch and vigton the fyfth day of november the yeir of god i<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxx four yeiris It is aggreit betuix the honorabill Sir patrik waus of barnebarroch knight on the ane part, and Johnne wallace of dundonald, the spous of Dame katherine Stewart Ladie garleiss on the vther part, In maner following To wit That forsamekill as the said Dame katherine Is restand awand be hir and hir said spous for his enteres of the fruitis of the priorie of quhitherne of the croppis of the yeir of god v<sup>c</sup> Lxxxix and Lxxxii yeiris, Quhilk sho had in assedatioun of the prior of quhithern. In respect thair of the said Johnne wallace obleissis him to pay to the said Sir patrik, his airris, exe<sup>ris</sup>, and assignayis, the sowme of ane thowsand pundis, vsual money of the realme; thair of fywe hundreth pundis money on the xv day of november Instant, and the vther fiwe hundreth pundis on the fyrst day of maij mixtocum; In parte of payment of the twa part thrid of the fruitis of the said priorie, havand respect to the ladeis takis, and commissioun gevin of the thriddis, gevin be my lord self, as the iuges to be appointit betuix baith the parteis in edinburgh sall burding the Ladie gairleiss And na forder; And for ending of the samyn baith the saidis parteis sall compeir in edinburgh the laste day of nouember instant, and thair Ilk ane of thame sall elect ane aduocat, and in thair presence baith the parteis sall compeir, and the said Johnne sall mak compt, rekning, and payment of the fruitis of the said

priorie, conforme to the tak and commissioun foirsaid. Baith the saidis parteis reassonis being hard be thame, Quha sall haue full power to decyde all differences, allocatt, and defalk quhilk salhappin to be in varience; At quhais determinatioun thay obleissis thame to abyde, and fulfill the samyn, and sall accept the samyn, and fulfill, as the decreit of Juges arbitrators. And compt and Rekning being maid, the said Johnne sall pay all superplus exceding the said thowsand pundis money to the said Sir patrik, and gif the compt beis of les number the samyn salbe allowit to the said Johnne in the croppe Lxxxiii yeire, or in the last termes payment as the Juges thinkis ressonabill. Attour the said Sir patrik sall mak sufficient richt to the said Johnne self to vplift the twa part of the fruitis of the said benefice of the croppe Lxxxiii yeiris presentlie, And siclyk of the thriddis, as the Juges sall find resso<sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and pay for the twa part ane thowsand merkis, and for the thriddis as the Juges sall decerne. Prowyding that the said Sir patrik sall (schaw<sup>2</sup>) all sowmes of money ressaut, gif he ony hes, of the fruitis of the said priorie of the croppis Lxxxi, Lxxxii and Lxxxiii; And the said Johnne obleissis him to gif na enteres or possessioun to the vplifting of the fruitis of the said priorie except to his awin seruandis and factoris of small degre. And than the said Sir patrik sall refer to the kingis grace how the said dame katherine salbe vsit anent the possessioun of the said priorie, and the said Johnne In respect of his former tak during the yeiris to ryn thairrof, Quha vpoun his onor sall beir guid will thairto, and sall releif the said dame katherine and Johnne of the fruitis lxxxi yeiris, allegit to be ane Awne<sup>3</sup> at the handis of walter keir, W<sup>me</sup> Donaldsone, Henrie makeson, Alex<sup>r</sup> calbraith, and all to thair havand enteres thairto, sua far as the prior suld releif thairrof. And at the first termes paymentis the said Sir patrik sall mak ane richt to the said Johnne to vplift the twa part of the said benefice for the payment contenit in the auld tak, and conforme thairto. In Witnes heirop Baith the saidis parteis hes subscriuit this present appoyntment. Day yeir and place foirsaid, Befoir thir witnesses, Thomas wallace, broodyr german to the said Johnne wallace and

<sup>1</sup> Ressonabill, reasonable.<sup>2</sup> Doubtful, perhaps allow.<sup>3</sup> A debt.

Mr Villame M'gowyne, commisser of vigton, vyth vtheris  
dyuerssis.

Sy<sup>r</sup> patrik Waus off BArnbarrach

kny<sup>t</sup> wyth my hand

Jhone Wallace of Dundonald.

Acquittance by THOMAS OTTERBURNE of Reidhall to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH and others, for £100 due by the late Hew  
Kennedy of Barwhanny, 27th November 1584.

I Thomas otterburne of reidhall be the tenor heirof grantis  
me to haif ressaui fra Johnne kennedy, tailyeour, burges of ed<sup>r</sup>  
the soume of ane hindreth pundis gude and vsual money of this  
realme, pait and debursit be me for vmquhill hew kennedy of  
barquhanny to Jhonne liwiestoun of <sup>1</sup>; for quhilk  
soume of ane hundreth pundis the said Johnne kennedy became  
cautioner and suertie to me in the Towne buikis of Ed<sup>r</sup>, and  
Johnne kennedy, bruther to Dauid kennedy of knokdaw, for his  
releif, together with Mr patrick Vaus of barnbarroch. Off the  
quhilk soume of ane hundreth pundis money foirsaid I hald me  
weill content and pait, quietclames, exoneris, and discharges the  
saidis Johnne Kennedy, tailyeour, burges of ed<sup>r</sup>, Jo<sup>n</sup> kennedy  
bruther to the said Dauid, and Mr Patrick Vaus of barnbarrach,  
the airis exe<sup>ris</sup> and assignaes of the said vmquhill hew, for now  
and euer. And for thair forder securitie am content and  
consentis that this my acquittance and discharge be insert and  
registrat in the town buikis of ed<sup>r</sup> add perpetuam rei memoriam;  
and the foirsaid actis, quhairby they ar bund to me, to be delet  
and na executioun to pas thairupoun; And to that effec makis  
constitutis and ordanis Mr Alex<sup>r</sup> King and ilk ane of thame  
coniunctlie and seueralie my procuratoris in uberiore forma  
Promittens de Rato. In witness quhairof I haif subscriuit this  
my acquittance and discharge with my hand at ed<sup>r</sup> the xxvii  
day of nouember, The yeir of god i<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> four scoir four yeris,  
befoir thir witnesses, Johnne Lauder, thomas Schurais, alex<sup>r</sup>  
symsoun, Jo<sup>n</sup> fairlie, with vtheriss diuerssis.

Ottorborne of Reidhall.

<sup>1</sup> Blank in original.

Letter from Sir JOHN EDMONSTONE to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 29th November 1584.

Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup>, eftir my very hairtlie commendationes; Pleis your l be rememberit that my suit in fauouris of alex<sup>r</sup> edmestoun, my kyninsman and servand, for the removing of Alex<sup>r</sup> Daudisoné fra his landis of the chairterhouss, quha hes prowyn baithe the theif and the tratour to him and me, and lukit to hawe had ane decreit of removing by lambes<sup>1</sup> and lyand at the interloquiter sene syne, I will deser you effectuisle, as ever I may do you plessour, to stand his freind, and do wprycht justec for baithe, and furdre ws to the samyn; for vpoun my credit he hes sittin this ix yeir, and payit nothing, bot done ws the ewill he cane; for I wald haue commit my self, war nocht I ame so strait handelit with my nichtbouris of England, as the berar can schaw you: for I chaige you, as I salbe redy to yow or youris as ye haue occasioun to chaige, as knawis god, quha hold yow in his protection. Off Ednem<sup>2</sup> the xxix of november 1584. Be Youris assured freind to his power,

Jhone edmestoun  
knycht.

To the Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and my traist freind the laird of barnbarroch  
ane of our soverane lordis counsell.

Letter from LORD ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
15th December 1584.

My lord, efter my verray hartlie commendationis, evir as the tyme giffis me oportuontie I man wryt to your lo continuallie, preissing your lo with panis; as for the present to mak your lo knawin how gilbert balfour, sumtyme of wastray, being addettit to me in the sowme of fyve thowsand merkis, or thairby, for the fermis, teyndis, maillis, and dewteis of the landis of wastray in orknay, haldin in few be him of the bischope of orknay, To the

<sup>1</sup> Lammas.

<sup>2</sup> Alexander Edmonstone, in Ednem, was witness to a bond by Sir John Edmonstone of that ilk on 14th February 1583-4.



quhilk maillis and dewiteis I am assignay; And thairffoir hes convenit archibald balfour sone to the said gilbert Befoir the commisser of orknay, And hes obtenit ane decreit thairon, vpoun the quhilk thair is ane precept of comprysing ordourlie deduceit one ane part of the Landis of wastray, And sauld to me for the said sowme. Nochttheless michael balfour, Laird of montquhany, pretending now titill to the saidis landis, alledgis the said archibald to be dischargeit be vertew of ane contract past betuix me and the said archibald, Or vtherwayis be ane discharge had of me, for the quhilkis I haue obleissit my self to the said laird of montquhany That incace your lo and the laird of barrinbarroch for my part, with tua vther lordis of the cessioun, to be choissin for the said Laird of montquhany, sall vpoun the sycht off the said contract or discharge verifie and apruif the samyn to be guid, And that thairby I am secludit fra that dett, In that cace to renunce all actioun and process that I haue led thairanent. Anent the quhilk I will desyre your lo, as ane for my part, to sycht the said contract and alledgit discharge. and thairefter with the remanent choissin thairvpoun to pronunce conforme to conscience. Thus far I will pane your lo, as lykwys in the rest of my adois To be handillit, the quhilkis I remit to be declairit to your lo be the beraris credeit, ffor quhais sufficiencie I omitt to wryt langar letter, evir haueing your lo in his keeping the almichtie god. ffrome kirkwall this xv of december 1584.—Your lo guid freind to all powar,

Orknay.

To the Rycht honorable And my veray  
guid Lord M<sup>r</sup> patrik wause Lord of  
our souerane lordis cessioun.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
4th January 1584-5.

Trusty and weilbelovit Counsallour, We greit yow hertlie weill. We haif send our directioun to M<sup>r</sup> Peter Watsoun persoun of flisk for the boundis of the diocy of Galloway, according to the ordour and resolution taken be us with aise of

the Lordis of our secreit Counsell vpoun the second day of Januar instant, And hes willit him, gif neid sall require, to crave and require your assistance, fortificatioun, and maintenance in all thing that may mak god, ws, and our Lawes to be obeyit, And our cuntrie retenit in guid quietnes, and gude order. Quhairfoir we desire yow effectuaslie to shaw your effectuall guidwill and promptitude to the furtherance and accomplishing of this mater, tending to mak us certane quha wilbe obedient to ws, as ye will declare the continewance of your guid affectioun to the advancement and suirtie of our estait, and do ws maist thankfull pleser. Thus we commit you in the protectioun of Almightie God. At Halyruidhous the fourt day of Januar 1584,

James R.

To our trusty and weilbelovit Counsallour  
the Lard of barnbarrauch ane of the  
Senatouris of our college of Justice.

Letter from WILLIAM M'CLELLAND of Gelston to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th January 1584-5.

Me (L), eftir maist hairtlie commendationis, this present Is to schaw your (L) that I haue resaivit ane wryting fra the laird of garleis this xii day at ewin, willing me to meit him at the kirk of sorbie, nocht qwalefeand na causs, bot for sic occasions as he sall schaw me at our meting; quhairof I wald your (L) take na ewill oppynone In me, for gif the lard hes ony occations aganes your (L), I will nocht associat with him, bot gif It be to be ane medyator to schaw concord amangis yow; quhairof I thocht gude to aduertis your (l), and nocht ellis to our meting, bot committis your (L) to god. of reueson this xii of Januarij.—Youris (L) assurit gude frend,

William M'cleland  
of gelstoun.

To the rycht honorable me lord of  
barnbaracht this be delywerit.

[The preceding letter refers to some difference with the Laird of Garlies, which may have been that on the 23d September

previous. It is therefore inserted here. The next letter is by the same writer, but there is no clue to the date.]

Letter from WILLIAM M'CLELLAND of Gelston to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efftir my hartle commendation, fforsameikill as I causit speik yow for my serwandis teindis, as ye knaw, and now dawid kenedie is to pund thaim for mair nor ewir thay war in vss<sup>1</sup> of, quhilk I belue is nocht yowr lordschippis comand, in respect of yowr lordschip promis maid wnto me, and for the lard of bomby,<sup>2</sup> as ye knaw : and albeit thair war na promiseis, I dout nocht that ye wald bring the lard of garleis in ony vss<sup>1</sup> by<sup>3</sup> the ald vs,<sup>1</sup> and for ye heirtell he seikis mony vncustomis on me, mair nor I haw bein in vss<sup>1</sup> of, quhilk I hop in god sall nocht be as lang as I haw god and gud ffreindis to do for me. sua I dout nocht bot ye will causs dawid to seik bot the ald vss,<sup>1</sup> as I sall causs him to be payit, for he knawis my men payit him ghen nain vther wald pay him. nocht trubling yowr with farder, bot comitis yow to god.—Be yowris assurit frend to my pover,

William m'cleland of gelston.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> Lord my Lord  
of barnbarroch give this.

Letter from MALCOLM FLEMING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
16th January 1584-5.

My Lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun and serveyce, I haif resaiveit the menyng of your Lordschipsis letter, quhair my Lady argyll meneis to sell thae landis of quhitherne. my Lord, ye sall vnderstand I haif na dout bot my Lady quhill keip hir promiseis vnto me ; nochtwithstanding I thank your Lordschip of your guidwill towardis me, as ane servand, and ay salbe. my Lord, ye sall appardoun me that I spak with yow at your being in this cunthrie, my greit disceis was the causs of the same, Thairfoir my Lord, gif god pleiss, I salbe at your (l) schortlie

<sup>1</sup> Use, custom.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas M'Clelland.

<sup>3</sup> Besides, different from.

till end my besines at your (l) awyce. nocht trubill your (L) with forder Letter quhill that my meitting, commetting your Lordschip to the protectioun of god. of quitherne the xvi day of Januar.—Be your (L) serwand at power, Malcolm flemyng.

To the honorabill and his maist speciell

freind my Lord of barinbarroch.

Letter from THOMAS, Tutor of Cassillis, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 26th February 1584-5.

Broder, eftir my maist hartlie commendationnis, forsamekill ye sall ressaue fra this berar thre hundreth merkis, and deliver to the laird of blairquhen, and ressaue fra him ane tak of pultadoye Induring the tyme of my office of tutorie to Johne Kennedy in chapell for four poundis of mail allanerlie; as alsuaye sall ressaue ane discharge to be registrat; in respect that the decreit Arbitrall is registrat, and the sowmis of money payit, I haue directit this berar to ressaue the tak befor he deliuer the money. ffarder I pray yow upone Monnon-day nixt to sie ane end putt to this mater betuix the abbot of saulsett and my lord crowner, and to eschew probation, giff itt may in ony sort; And lykwyiss the mater betuix me and gawin dunbar, that ye will bring it in, and hald hand to it that I gett Justice, for thay are the twa cheif caussis that will cum in handling now in my absence, and that I wald wes best donne. As anent the ornamentis of Crosraguell, I gaif m<sup>r</sup> Johne sharpe perfyte informatioun thereanent befor my cumming out of edinburcht, And I gaif command to Johnne the provest to raiss the crowneris gift out of the buik, that M<sup>r</sup> Johne may defend be the same; And sua we sall haive the tryell befor we pay for it, whether it be guid or nocht, whereunto ye will have attendance, and remember Johne upone it. Haifing na farder occasionn at this present, eftir my hartlie commendatioun to my sister your bedfallow, I commit yow in godis protectioun. Off maybole ye xxvj day of februar 1584.—Be Your L assurit broder,

Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my weilbelowit brodir the laird of Barnbarrach.

Letter from DAVID MURRAY of Broughton to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, probably 1584-5.

My Lord, efter my wary hartlie commendatioun, this present is to declair your (l) that the Laird of Lochinwar hes wrytin to me that my Lady Murray is of mynd to dispone the few of the landis of quhithorne, and willit me to ryde out with him for greing for my four markland of lytill outoun, and your (L) knawis the waluritie<sup>1</sup> thair of; it is of lytill waill, bot it is kyndly come. I will hartlie requeist your (l) to get hir (l) letter or promeis that scho dispone nocht the sam by<sup>2</sup> me, gife ony wald schaw thame selfis sic unfreind to me as to seik the sam. gife the laird of lochinwar gettis the few of the maneis,<sup>3</sup> I feir he seik it in with the sam, mening thairby to caus me to serue him; the quhilk dout I thocht meit to aduerteis your (l) of, as my special freind. fardar gife hir (l) wald appoint day and place to the haill tennentis of the Landis wnsellit to meit hir in edinburgh, hir (l) wald haif trew try of the waluritie of the Landis, and at that tyme wald all wnendit mak an end with hir, and wald be blyth sa to do for my pairt. Laing<sup>4</sup> to troubill your (L) with fardar letter, committis yow in the protectioun of god. of brochtoun, the ix of this instant.—be youris at wary powar,

David Muray of Brochtoun.

I haif wryttin to maister thomas craig to confer with your (l) concernyng my bessines of the redemptioun of egernes;<sup>5</sup> as I am aduerteisit I am purposit to do, gife god will gife powar.

Letter from JAMES DUNBAR of Cumnock to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 28th February, probably 1584-5.

My Lord, efter my hertlie commendatioune, forsameikill as it is nocht wnknawin to your (L) quhow I am detenit in vayrd<sup>6</sup> this sessoune by gane at the erle off errans<sup>7</sup> plessour, and is

<sup>1</sup> ? Value.

<sup>2</sup> Beyond, *i.e.*, to another.

<sup>3</sup> Mains.

<sup>4</sup> Leaving.

<sup>5</sup> The lands of Egerness.

<sup>6</sup> Ward, prison.

<sup>7</sup> Arran.



vncertane my selff quhat is the grownd off my trubling, bot as I suppose be the Instigatioune of sum his ein,<sup>1</sup> vald be at the barronne off cumloik,<sup>2</sup> and haif my tytill thair off, quhilk is the auld in heritance off my forbearis, althocht left be thame to me in evill case, yeit I will be verry laith that my deid thair anent sall prejudge my selff our far, excep vpoune ane ground of ane greit commodatie, ffor the quhilk I luik nocht at his handis. all wayis, seing I haiff found your (L) sa freindlie in tymes past, this saming [ ] effis me to put your (L) to chairg sua haimlie at the (prese)nt, as to requeist yow, for sick staid or pleissor that I may dow your (L) at ony tyme heir efter, as to entir in purpois with my Lord errane<sup>3</sup> anent me, as nocht dissyrit be me, and inquyr for quhat causs I am trublit. And giff his lordship crevis<sup>4</sup> ony particular at my hand, it is his dewtie to mak me gud causs for the saming, quhilk will allour<sup>5</sup> me to his (L) effeict, rather nor this forme of handling; and quhat he wald do for the particullar, and efter his (L) offer It sald seime best I wor sett to libertie for sertane monethis, to the effect I suld be advyssit with my fauveraris<sup>6</sup> quhat wor best to be followit. your (L) will travell heir anent so far as ye may but<sup>7</sup> your awin hinder. nocht haiffand further occatioune to vryt to your (L), bot committis yow to the protectioun off God; with credeit to this berar. ffrome the blaiknes, the last of februar.—Be youris freindis at powar,

James Dunbar of Cumnock.

To the rycht honorabill and my speciall  
lord off barnebarroch.

Letter from ANNA KEITH, COUNTESS OF ARGYLE, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 7th March 1584-5.

My lord, Efteir my verry hartlie commendatioun, I have hard be my cousing and seruand Jo<sup>n</sup> bonnair how he hes bene in conference with yow ll toward the few landis of quithorne That is vndisponit, And that ye cum to this poynt now, that ye

<sup>1</sup> Kin.

<sup>2</sup> Barony of Cumnock.

<sup>3</sup> Arran.

<sup>4</sup> Craves.

<sup>5</sup> Allure.

<sup>6</sup> Favourers.

<sup>7</sup> Without.

offer for thame fyve thowsand and thre hunder merkes. Trewlie ye ar the maist dryveand merchand that evir I delt with all. Bot, becaus I haif haid to do with your ll before, I will be laith to dispone ony thing by yow, And ye know that my offer and loise<sup>1</sup> of thay landis wes ever sax thowsand merkes; Bot, be ressoun I knaw your ll trew dailling, I will be content that ye haif thame for fyve thowsand and v<sup>c</sup> merkes, baith cnok-dollyanes<sup>2</sup> and all the rest; And that the siluer be payit to me before witsonday, ffor I man haif it to outred turnes that may nocht be left vndone, quhat schift that ever I maik. And thairfor Lat me haif your resolute anser gif ye will agrie with me in this maner or nocht. fforder I purpos to draw the contractes in les<sup>3</sup> process; That is that I sall caus my youngaist dochter<sup>4</sup> with consent of hir husband resigne hir half and entres to the landis of quhithorne in favoures of my eldaist dochter,<sup>5</sup> and sa thair will be the fewar contractaires. fforder, gif your ll and I agreis, I man haif yow to agrie with william fleyming, as I haif maid conditioun with him, quhilk salbe na thing to your (ll) hynder. All vther thingis I refer to your ll anser, quhilk I desyre to be send to me with diligence. Sa I commit your ll in the protectioun of the Allmichtie. frome Stirvelling the vii of merche 1534.—your assurit freynd,

Annas keyth.

To the rycht hon<sup>ble</sup> and my traist freind the laird of  
barnebarrow senatour of the college of Justice.

Letter from ANNA KEITH, COUNTESS OF ARGYLE, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 11th March 1584-5.

My loird, Efter my verray hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your ll Lettir, quhairby I haif consyderit your ll offer to me for the few Landes of quhithorne to sett, quhilk is v m thre hundred merkes; And as for william fleyming, ye desyre to be defaicet for him twa hunder and foure score merkes, And that I can nocht be furnesit be yow of the haill siluer before witsonday.

<sup>1</sup> Loss, *i.e.*, alienation.

<sup>4</sup> Mary, Lady Errol.

<sup>2</sup> Knockdolian.

<sup>5</sup> Lady Murray.

<sup>3</sup> Less.

As to the first poynt of the offer, I am content that ye haif the saidis Landis for the said soume off v m and three hunder merkis, provyding that I haif this haill siluer before witsonday, And vtherwayis I can nocht agrie with sa sober ane soume. And as to w<sup>m</sup> fleyming, I can nocht vpoun my conscience taik mair frome him bot ane hunder merkis of the merkland, as I agret with him vpoun, And thairfor will Taik him of your hand for xiiij<sup>c</sup> merkis and na mair, nochtwithstanding That it was vtherwayis agreit with his brother. I consyder this manniss necessetie, and als my awin promiseiss besyde. Thairfor, gif ye will agrie with this that I haif wrettin, aduerteis me with this berar, ffor I can tarie na langar vpoun this nor sonday nixt. And gif we agrie I sall direct my cousing, Allex<sup>r</sup> bonnair, to caus maik your securitie as ye will devyse. This referring the rest vnto your nixt aduerteissment, I commit your ll in the protectioun of the almytie. frome Strevelling the xi day of merche 1584.—Your ll freynd at powar, Annas Keyth.

To the rycht honorable the Laird of Barnebarroche  
ane of the senatouris of the college of Justice.

Letter from MICHAEL BLANE<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 26th March 1585.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendationes of seruice to your (l), this present is to schow your l that we and certane of your (l) servandis var put to the horn be m<sup>r</sup> morran messinger at the instance of villie gordoun of penyngham, factour to (l) robert, vmquhill prior of quhithorn, for superplus omittit vythout ony specialitie of the four scoir yeir. And I, mi<sup>l</sup> blane, vyth ane vther, certan payit to the maistres of vchiltre, conforme to hir gyft, nocht with standing we had payit it fyrst to m<sup>r</sup> robert that yeiris devtie, and hais hir discharge thairon; heirfore desyris your l that ye perseif that Johne gordoun do na vrang to me thairanent, bot I be relewit as the rest of my nichbouris; ffor he hais ane pyk at me for ane pece of the land of vig,<sup>2</sup> quhilk I haif in occupatione, And hais maid vrang report of me to the

<sup>1</sup> He was Provost of Wigtown.

<sup>2</sup> Now Wigg.

lard of garleis, sayand that I had bound my band of manreth to the lard of gelstoun in service; quhilk is on na vays treuth; nor I wald nocht do the samen, becaus I am onlie serwand to the prior of quhithern and his baillye, the quhilk your (l) sall ken to be ane vrang report; heirfore desyris your (l) that I incur na danger, bot be relewit as the rest. nocht trubling your (l) farthar, committis your l in the protectioun of the almychtie. of quhithern this xxvi of merche 1585 yeiris be your l serwand and freynd at all powar,

Michael blane in vig.

To the Rycht hono<sup>n</sup> and my speciell  
Sir patrik Wauss of barnbarrach.

Letter from JOHN DUNBAR of Orchardton to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 9th April 1585.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun, pleissit you to vit that the lord of Mochrem hes schargit me vpone ane decreit vith lettiris in the four formis to ramof,<sup>1</sup> and decist, and ceis fraye occupatioun of the Landis of knokaffrek, vnder the pan of hornyng, as robert craig the berer heirop vill schaw you the matter at mair lenth; and seyng I am myndit to obey the command of the saidis letteris, I knaw I man fynd kation, and raiss lettiris of suspensioun to ramof; heirfor my lord I vill desyr you to be cation for me, that I sall obey the command of the saidis letteris, according to the ordour in sic causis; and I be the tennour heirop byndis and oblesis me, my aris, executouris, and assegnais, to raleif and keip you skithles of all dangar that ye may svsteyn throv your cationore for me in my said actioun. and sua raferis the rest to your vaisdom, and the eternall god to haif you in his keping. of orschortoun the nynt of apryll 1585.  
—Be youris at povar of serveis,

Jhone dunbar In orschortoun.

To the rycht honorabill and my  
maist lord barinbarroch.

<sup>1</sup> Remove.

Letter from ELIZABETH, LADY FORBES, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 21st April 1585.

My lord, efter maist hartly commendatione, I haue maid this mekill wryt to giff your (ll) most hartlie thankis for your (llo) luiffing kyndness schawin to my lord my housband, our barnis, and freindis the lastym this berar my sone was thair. And now I wil exhort your (lo) to conteneue in that fawouris, quhilk I am sure your (llo) hes schawine, And daylie schawis, to Inocentis that ar trubillit In doing Justice. Nocht only for that causs It is done for, bot for vprichtnes and zeal that your (llo) hes to do Justice, And to discharge your dewetie befor the ma(ies)te of god, quha gaiff yow that place. I vil meist hartlie pray your (ll) tak the panis as to reid this vther peper, And to considder my lord my housbandis estait, And for quhat caus he is sa trubillit; And giff it may be rakinit rychteoussnes to compell him discharge his awin bluid and freindis, And tak that burding on him for tham all, Alss weill as for the discharge off ane hundrecht thovsands libis and mair, that thai vald haue gottin for thair pley, giff thai had gottin law and ressoun; And alss to tyn the (llo<sup>1</sup>) of forbes for his lyftym but<sup>2</sup> crime to be laid to charge, except the nocht fulfilling off that decreit, that lhis nocht in his powar to do, quhilk he vas compellit to tak on. I pray your (llo) respect his causs, And remember that sic trubilis ar covmoun to guid and ewill, suppoiss thai be nocht off alyk vecht<sup>3</sup> to all. And for your (llo) awin part I dout bot your (llo) wil respect quhat may happin to men beand Innocent, as he is I prais god. I am homlie to burding your (llo) with rehersing off our trubillis, And craiffis<sup>4</sup> off help for releiff, quhair off I desyr your (l) pardoun. And this, Efter my maist hartlie commendatione maid onto my Lady, my ant,<sup>5</sup> quhom

<sup>1</sup> Lordship.<sup>2</sup> Without.<sup>3</sup> Weight.<sup>4</sup> Cravings.

<sup>5</sup> The above letter is by Elizabeth, wife of William, seventh Lord Forbes, and daughter (and co-heiress with her sister Margaret, Countess Marischal) of Sir William Keith of Inverugie. What her present trouble was is not known, but on the 11th May of the previous year her eldest son, John, Master of Forbes, had been summoned as a suspected person to appear before the Council, and had been denounced as a rebel on the 9th of June for non-appearance. This lady was born



with your (llo) selff I commit to the preserwatione off the most mychtie our god. off Findreyth the xxi off apryl 1585.—Your (llo) hartlie at hir powar, Elizabeth ll forbes.

To my werey guid Lord my lord off  
barnbarrow be this Delyuerit.

Letter from PAUL GORDON of Aberdeen to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 26th April 1585.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, this present is to put your L in remembrance of the actiounne presentlie depending befor your l in cessiounn betuix knowis and Irving, quhairin I haif nocht only speciall entres, bot the actioun properlie belangis to my self, and I heff sik tytill and place as george knowis and his spous margaret gordoun hes, or suld haif, and hes coft<sup>1</sup> the heritable tytill thair of, quhilk hes bene bethe costlie and trubilsoume to me, Nothwithstanding the samyn lyis onder reuertion of sobir sowmes, quhilk reuersioun It hes plesit your L only to gif ws actioun to persew for the samyn, and can newir get the samyn aneis<sup>2</sup> callit, quhilk is ane mater to be menit. alwayis I haif drectit my guid freind, berar heir of, to attend on the actioun, praying your (l) effectuislie that I may fynd your (l) fauorable assistance bethe in the calling thair of and expeditioun of Justice according to ressoun, for trewlie the mater is meir to my hender<sup>3</sup> nor I can wrett, Thairfoir mone imploy your (l) as my maist speciall freind. remitting the rest to the berar, committis your (l) to godis protectioun. from aberdene the xxvi of appryill 1585.

I praye your l latt me fynd your fauor In this causs accordyng to ressoun, quhairof I assuir myselff as ane maist

before 1521, when the marriage of Inverugie's daughters was sold by the Duke of Albany for £10,000, and she was married in 1538. How she was niece to the Lady Barnbarroch, who must have been born between 1540 and 1550, does not appear; but perhaps she used the word "ant" for niece, as Alexander M'Kie of Whitehills most certainly did in one of his letters. There is an undated fragment of a letter in the same handwriting as the above, printed on p. 361.

<sup>1</sup> Bought.

<sup>2</sup> Once.

<sup>3</sup> Hinder.

speciall freind, lyk as your l sall haiff me to be commandit att my puar <sup>1</sup> youris l att all my puar to be commandit.

Pawle gourdown off aberdein.

[No address.]

[On the 13th of April the Laird of Garlies, with many other of the lairds of the West country, had been ordered within 15 days, under pain of rebellion, to find caution that they, and all for whom they are liable by the general bond, shall obey the King, his Lieutenant and Warden, in the pursuit of Lord Maxwell and his rebellious adherents, and for their entry before the Privy Council or the justice when required upon fifteen days warning. On the 5th of May a bond of caution in £10,000 by Alexander Stewart of Garlies, as principal, and Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch as surety to the above effect, was duly registered.<sup>2</sup> The following letter, and those of 28th and 29th April, refer to this matter.]

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d April 1585.

My Lord, eftir hartelie commendationis, it will pleis you vnderstand that I ame informit that Lochinver,<sup>3</sup> Bombeye,<sup>4</sup> and Lag,<sup>5</sup> is chargit bie ane offeser, and letteris derek off the secreit counsall, to compeir befor the kingis ma (majestie) and counsall the laist of this monethe, to find cahion (caution) to assyst the warden, and to serf the luiftenant, under the paine of ane great soimme; and it is lattin me understand that I ame in the same letteris, bot I ame not yeit chargit; quhairfor I desyir yow to gang to the kingis (ma), and sie gif it bie his (g) plesour that I bie chargit; for ye may schawe his g that I salbe obedient to his (g) servece at all tymis, as it sall pleis his (ma) command me, for I wald not that it wair thocht that his (g) haid me under sik suspesion as to find cation for my trewe serveice to his (ma)

<sup>1</sup> This is the same handwriting as the signature.

<sup>2</sup> Reg. Privy Council, vol. iii., p. 745.

<sup>4</sup> Thomas M'Clelland.

<sup>3</sup> Sir John Gordon.

<sup>5</sup> Roger Grierson.

and gif it bie his (ma) plesour that I find cation, I will desyir yow to be cation for me, and I sall releif yow, and sall bind myself to that affec alss straitlie as ye pleis; for to me to travell for that causs to Ed<sup>r</sup>, and eftir my hame coming frae Ed<sup>r</sup> schortlie thaireftir ryd to the bordour, or quhair his (ma) hes serveice ado, ye knaw that is werie hard to me that is sae far of, and that ye may schawe his (ma), and I belief suirly that his (ma) will nae waye craif cation of me, as his (g) dois of utheris, and this ye will declair onto his (g) as your wisdom thinkis gud. Lykwyis, gif there bie ony serveice ado in thir cuntres, I desyir yow to wret hame to your frindis to bie in redines to wait wpon me, as I salbie chargit to his (ma) serveice. pleis yow gif credeit to the berar Jhone McGown in all thingis I haif presentlie to do. sua for the present, lewing to trubill yow with further wreit, I commit your L to God. at quhitterne the xxiii of Appryll 1585.  
—Your L assurit freind at power, Garleis.

To the ry<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>l</sup> and his assurit freind  
the Lard of Barnbarrache.

[The Lord Maxwell had been created Earl of Morton, and had been Warden of the West Marches. He had now risen in revolt against Arran's government, and Sir John Johnston, who had displaced him in the Wardenship, for which he had been denounced rebel and put to the horn. On the 6th of April Robert Maxwell, his brother, had burned Johnston's house of Lochwood, and Lord Maxwell had defeated Johnston, and taken him prisoner. He allied himself to the English party, and that of the banished Lords, and in 2d November of this year they succeeded in driving Arran from power, and he was restored to all his honours.]

ORDER for a taxation of £20,000 to pay "Wageit Men on hors and fute" to serve under the Warden of the West March against ROBERT MAXWELL, and other broken men, 28th April 1585.

James be the grace of god, king of Scottis, to our louittis messingers, our sereffes in that part, coniunctlie and

severalie, specialie constitute, greting; forsamekle as Johnne Lord Maxwell, being vnmyndfull of the great benefittes and honour quhairvnto he wes advanceit be ws, hes maist ingratefullie and vnnaturally movit and sterit vp robert Maxwell his broder naturall, and certane vtheris, brokin men, commoun Inymeis to bayth the realmes, to tak armes and with fyre, sword, and all kynd of hostile, to burne, slay, herry, and oppres the wardane of the west marche of our realme, his freindes, tennentes, servandes, and vtheris our gude subiectes; quhairvpoun we, fearing forder mouvement to follow, to the brek of the gude amytye quhilk salang hes continewit betuix the twa realmes, commandit be proclamatioun our gude subiectes of sindrie our serefdomes To haif mett ws, or our Lieutenant, at peblis the xv day of Maij nixtocum, To haif past furthwart thairfra with certane dayes provisioun for resisting of the temerarious attemptates of the saidis brokin men, and vtheris our disobedient subiectes, and reduceing of thame to our obedience. Bot becaus sic provisioun as wes necessar for hors and men could not be had in this seasoun of the yeir, and that the delay of thair persute hes movit, and moves, thame to be the mair insolent, We thairfoir convenit ane number of our estaittes, be quhome ane taxatioun of twentie thousand poundis is grantit, and ordirit to be vpliftit as followis, for Leveing and intertenyng of certane wageit men on hors and fute for advancement of our service, and quieting of the troublit estait of the said west marche. That is to say ten thousand pound be the spirituall estait, Providing that the thrid thairof be tane of the thriddes of benefices, sa as sic as payes thair thriddes sall onlie be astrictit in payment of the twa parts of the saides ten thousand poundes, and the ministrie to be fre for samekle of the saides thriddes as is assignit to thame in thair stipendes, and samekle as happynnit to be defalkit throw that occasioun to be eikit pro rata to the partis rep<sup>me</sup> ordinit to be pait be the vtheris estaittes; Sex thousand sex houndreth threiscoir sex poundes xiii s iiijd to be pait be the barones and frehaldares to gidder withour propertie; and three thousand thre hundreth threttie thrie poundes vi s. viijd in compleit payment of the said taxatioun of twenty

thousand poundes be the burrowes; and that at ane term, viz. vpoun the Last day of Junij, nixtocum, and for inbringing of the spirituall mennis part of the said taxatioun our vthers letteris ar direct, chargeing all and sindrie bischoppes, abbottes, and vthers beneficit persones, contenit in the taxt roll, thair chalmerlanes or factouris, to mak payment of that soume, that thai and ilkane of thame ar stentit to, to our officiares, executouris of our saides vthers letteris, at the terme aboue specifiit vnder the pane of rebelloun and putting of thame to our horne; and gif thai failze thairin, the said terme being bypast, To denunce thame incontinent thairefter our rebelles, and putt thame to our horne, and to escheat for quhais releif. Oure Will Is, and we charge you straitlie, and commandes, That incontinent thir our letteris seene, ye pas, and in our name and auctoritie, command, and charge, thair frehaldares, fewares, vassellis, subvasselliss, Ladeis of terce, coniunctfeares, lifrentares, and pensionares, To mak payment of their partes of the said taxatioun pro rata within ten dayis nixt efter thai be chargit be you thairto vnder the pane of rebelloun, and putting of thame to our horne; And gif thai failze thairin, the saides ten dayes being bypast, That ye incontinent thairefter denunce the dissobeynes our rebelles, and putt thame to our horne, and escheat, and inbring all thair moveable guides to our vse, for thair contemptioun, as ye will anser to ws thairvpoun. The quhilk to do we commit to you conuinctlie and seueralie our full power be thir our letters, delyvering thame be you dewlie execut, and indorsat agane to the bearar. Gevin vnder our signet At haliruidhous, the xxviij day of aprile, and of our regne the xviiij<sup>th</sup> zeir 1585.—Per actum secreti consilij.

T. hay.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 29th April 1585.

My Lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioune, This is to remember yow that I vrit to yow befor to haif bein cautioun for me conforme to ane charge that I suspectit to cum. Quhilk charge I haif gotten this last tysday at four eftir none, the copie quhairof



ye sall resave fra this berar; as also ye sall resave my obligatioun, subscryuit with my hand, quhilk obligatioun ye mon in lykmaner subscryue, gif ye will be cautioun for me; Quhilk I dout bot ye will, for I sal relief you, as I am bound in the obligatioun. And ye sall caus M<sup>r</sup> Johne Scharp, or M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> King, or ony vther that ye think maist meit, compeir for registrating thereof in the buikis of counsall for me. Fordar I vnderstand that the Lairdis of Bomby, Lochinvar, Lag, and sum vtheris of the gentilmen of Niddisdail, is to be in Ed<sup>r</sup> this nixt Fryday at ewin to sie gif thay can get thame selfis fred of this cautionarie be the king's mat<sup>ies</sup> guidwill. Quhilk gif thay do, I wold ye suld insist with thame in my name to the same effect, and quhat ordour thay tak I will desyre you to agrie with the same for my pairt. Gif I haid knawin of thair passing to Ed<sup>r</sup> in tyme, I wold haif riddin thair with thame my selff. Lykwayis thay come ane proclamatioun to Wigtoun upoun Tysday the xxvii day of this instant, charging all men betuix saxtie and saxteen, and utheris fensabill personis, to meit the kingis lieutenant in peblis the third day of May nixt, Quhilk is schort; and ye sall resaue the copie of the proclamatioun with the minute of the charge subscryuit be the messengeris hand, that ye may lat it be knawin to the kingis mat<sup>ie</sup> and counsall that, the charge being sa schort, it was not possible to this cuntrie to be sa schortlie in redines with sick provisioun as is requirit in the Lettres. Bot I sall cum with als greit diligence as possibill is; and that ye may schaw to his mat<sup>ie</sup>, and gif ye ony way can get his mat<sup>ies</sup> guidwill that I find nocht cautioun, ye sall craue it veray earnestlie, as also I belief the prior<sup>1</sup> of blantyre sall do the samyn, for I haif vrittin to him to the same effect. Sua ye will do heirin as your wisdome thinkis meit, and aduerteis me agane als schortlie with the berar as ye can. Thus, leving to trubill yow with langer lettre, committis yow to God. From Quhitherne the penult day of Aprile 1585.—Youris (L) assurit freind at power, Garlies.

To the Ry<sup>t</sup> honorable the Laird of Barnbarrat  
Lord of Sessioun.

<sup>1</sup> Walter Stuart, first Lord Blantyre.

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR of Kinhilt, Younger, to the LADY  
OF BARNBARROCH, 22d July (perhaps) 1585.

Rycht hon<sup>n</sup> and speciall ant, efter my hartly commendatioun,  
I haif wrytten to my (l) your husband, as your (l) wisdome will  
persaif be the said letter, and sindrie vther occasiounis hes  
movit me, that I can nocht specially contine in the letter at  
this present, quhilk I sall gar your (l) knaw at meitting; and  
gif my (l) and your (l) wilbe sa guid as to furneiss me the siluer  
to sax dayis forrow<sup>1</sup> mertimes, I am content to gif ane hundrethe  
merkis for the profite vnto than to thame ye get it fra, and to  
be bund in what form my (l) will devyss at the day foirsaid;  
and gyf I get nocht the said siluer, it will be my loiss ane  
thousand pund my way. I will nocht fasche yow with langer  
letter, bot gyf euer I may do yow pleser agane quhill I leif, ye  
will forder this causs; for gyf ye do, I will estime it alyk as  
gyf ye had relevit me out of waird. I pray caus put the boy  
away with diligence, for he man be at me or the first of august,  
or ellis materis can nocht frame, and god preserue yow in guid  
healthe; and your anser in wryte quhat I may luik for. from  
the Insce, the xxij day of July.—Youris eme at power to be  
commandit,

Kenhelt younger.

To the Rycht hono<sup>n</sup> and my special ant  
my (l) barnbarrocht this be deliuret.

Order from the KING to attend the Court of "Chekker,"  
27th September 1585.

Trustie Counsallour We greit you weill. It is not unknowin  
to yow that our chekker wes continewit to the sext of October  
nixtocum; at quhilk tyme we think maist expedient that it  
convene agane at Striuling, and proceid quhill all thing be  
perfitit, quhilk ye could not overtak the last tyme; desyrand  
yow thairfoir effectuuslie that ye will not fail to be present the  
said sext day, as ye will do ws acceptable and gude service.

<sup>1</sup> Before.

Thus we commit yow to God. At Striuling the 27 of September 1585.

James R.

To our trustie and weilbelouit counsalour the laird of barnbarroch ane of the senatouris of our college of Justice.

Letter from THOMAS, TUTOR OF CASSILLIS, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 10th October 1585.

Broder, eftir hartlie commendatioun, This salbe to aduerteiss yow that the kingis matie hes appointed be his proclamatioun ane raid with tent and palzeon to meit him at the castell of Craufurd with sa mony dayis victuall as the proclamatioun beris. Quhairfor I man pray yow, in respect it is nocht possible to me to cum in the countrie at this tyme, that ye haif in redyness all youris extendit to als gret nummer as evir thay haif bene, Becaus it is the first raid that the king himselff hes taken vpon hand in his awin persone; And I sall aduerteiss yow with the nixt messenger quhat day ye salbe in mayboll, that we may ryid togidder, ffor we may pass na vther way nor is appointit us; and I pray yow appoint samony careage, horss, and men, as said is, becauss of the kingis awin personall ryding, for your awin honoris caus. Referring the rest to our meting. As for newis, it is trew my lord arrane was to have been in Kincarne upone saterday last, and thair to have given hes presens to the king, And the king thocht guid to stay him thereof for the ambassadouris causs being with his matie. Sua my lord hes nocht presentit the king as yit, bot beis west throw to air on fryday nixt to address him to ryid to the raid. As for the rest of newis I will nocht writ thair of quhill your meting and myne. Efter my hartlie commendationes to my sister, your bedfallow, and my lady of cassillis, I commit yow to god. off Striueling, In haist, the 10 of october 1585, Be youris assurit broder,

Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To the richt hono<sup>ll</sup> and my loving broder  
the laird of barnbarocht.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
12th October 1585.

Richt traist freind We greit yow hertlie weill. We haue lang differit to burdene our subiectis to trauell in persoun for repressing of the insolence and lang continewit rebelloun of the Lord Maxwell, in hoip to haue settillit that disordour before now; Bot finding his contempt inccessing, and our gude subiectis eweist the west bordour havellie opprest be his treasonabill proceidingis, And that maist vnthankfullie, be the assistance of our declairit traytouris and rebellis expellit furthe of our realme, and the brokkin men and thevis of the bordouris, he intendis the further trouble of our estate, We intend godwilling in proper persoun to repair to the boundis sa lang disorderit and oppressit be him with a sufficient force of our faithfull and gude subiectis, and hes maid proclamationis to that effect agane the xxij day of October instant; Quhairfoir We desyre yow effectuasly that ye, weill and substantially accompaneit with your freindis, tenentis, and seruandis, and all that ye may mak, addres yow to Ws at Crauforde castell the said xxij day, with carriage and palzeonis to ly on the feildis, provydit to accompanie ws be the space of xxx dayes according to our saidis proclamationis, as ye will do ws special pleaser and gude service. Thus we commit yow to god. At Sterling the xij day of October 1585.

James R.

To our Richt traist Freind the Laird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 15th October 1585.

My lord, eftir hartlie commendatioun, pleis yow to wit I haif resauit ane letter fra the kingis maiestie this furisday at nycht, desyrand me to meit his grace at the castell of cravford<sup>1</sup> the xxii day of this Instant,<sup>2</sup> accompaneit with my haill freindis and seruandis, and all that I may mak, in maist substantial

<sup>1</sup> Crawford.

<sup>2</sup> October 1585. See the king's letter of 12th October 1585.

maner; Quhairfoir I desyre yow to convey your freindis and serwandis, that thai may be in reddiness to ryd with yow and me; ffor I intend to be in Sanct Johnes clauchan<sup>1</sup> the xxii day of this Instant at nycht. I think ye neid nocht steir out of barnbarrache quhill this day aucht dayis in the morning, for I sall wait on yow in monigof<sup>2</sup> that we may ryd togidder. I wald ye had all your freindis and serwandis in reddiness vpon four houris warning, for I suspect we sall haif ado swner nar hand our Duris.<sup>3</sup> sua to new occatioun commitis yow to god. at glasserrtoun this fryday at morne.—Your (l) assurit freind,  
Garleis.

To the Rycht hon<sup>u</sup> the Lard of Barnbarahe.

Letter from THOMAS, Tutor of Cassillis, to Sir PATRICK WAUS,  
from Maybole, 15th October 1585.

Broder, eftir my richt hartlie commendatiounis, forsamekill ye sall witt that I haue bene in court thir xv dayis bygaine, and (prasis be god) hes be my awin presens stayit sindrie bruittis, quhilkis wer layd aganis me, as also satisfeit the kingis grace and utheris courteouris, and my lord of arrane lykewyiss, quhome with I wes ane nycht, and left with thame all in guid freindschip, and sic sort as I wes with thame quhen ye and I wes thair. And cuming fra striviling on fryday the aucht of this moneth at the falkirk my horss fell with me, and I pat my schulder bled out of lithe,<sup>4</sup> quhilk wes the occasioun that I come nocht to this cuntrie quhill this day. As anent this Rayd, I luik that, gif your self ryde, ye will cum to me this gait with the rest of my lord of cassillis freindis, quhilk ar to cum heir to this tounne on Tyisday nixtocum at evin, viz. the xix day of this instant; and, gif ye ryde nocht your self in your awin personne, I will pray yow that ye will send your serwandis, with the rest of thame that ar to cum, to me as said is, and that thai be at me as said is, for I purpois god willing to ryde my self, gif the habilitie of my personne may serue ony way, in respect this is

<sup>1</sup> Kirkeudbright.

<sup>2</sup> Minigaff.

<sup>3</sup> Have ado sooner near hand our doors.

<sup>4</sup> Joint.



the first rayd that evir the kingis grace come to the feildis in his awin persoune. Thairfoir I dout bot as ye respect my honour ye will do as said is. As for newis I can wraitt nonne to yow at this present quhill the commissioneris of Scotland and Ingland conclude, and, gif ye and I meit nocht at the rayd, I sall send sik newis and adverteisment as I ressaue as occasionis sall serue. Referring the rest thairto, eftir my hartlie commendationis of service to my lord of cassillis,<sup>1</sup> and to your bedfallow, my sister, your sonne<sup>2</sup> and dochteris, and the rest of the freindis thair, I commit yow to godis protection. of Maybole the xv day of october 1585.—Be your assurit broder,

Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my broder the Laird of barnbarache.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
20th October 1585.

Rycht traist freind We greit yow hartlie weill. Albeit be our seuerall proclamacyonis publissit heirtofore We ordanit our gude subiectis to meit ws at the Castell of Craufurde vpon the third day of Nouember nixt, with cariage and palyeonis to lye in the feildis for xxx dayis, Bot considdering the greit difficultie to get out the lauborarris of the grund with cariage, in respect the cornis are in many places vnled and win, Seing alsua the dyet of our proclamacioun is in the mirk of the morne, and that our rebellis that war in Englande ar enterit in our realme be the middill marche, and assistit be sindrie oure vnnaturall subiectis, that maist vnkyndlie and vnthankfullie hes schakin of our obedience and joyned thame to our rebellis off intent to reise and manteine publeic weir in the bowellis of our realme, gif thair insolence be not withstand and repress; Thairfoir We desire yow effectuaslie that ye with your houshald and substantialious freindis, maist habill and best horssit, in weir like

<sup>1</sup> By the king's letter of 12th July 1584 Sir Patrick had been directed to retain the Earl of Cassillis, being then a "puple" (minor) in his custody.

<sup>2</sup> By this expression it would seem that at this date Sir Patrick had only one son living.

maner, addres yow to be at us heir in striueling vpoun setterday nixtocum, the penult day off October instant,<sup>1</sup> or soiner gif possibill ye can, To accompanie and assist ws in defence and saieftie of our honour, life, and croune, Leveing your commonis that ar occupeit in winning of the cornis, and your cariage, behind quhill vpoun your hame cuming, and knowlege of our mynde, ye send thame further aduerteisment, as ye will gif us a pruf of your louf and effectioun to ws, and deserue our speciall thankis. Thus we commit yow to god. in Striueling the xx day of October 1585.

We desire yow effectuaslie to gar proclame thir lettiris with all diligence at Wigtoun, And, although it be efter the day, to cum alsone as is possible, and to gar deliuer thir lettiris.

James R.

To our richt traist freind the laird  
of barnbarroche.

Letter from DAME ANNA KEITH, COUNTESS OF ARGYLE, to  
the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 27th October 1585.

My lord, efter my verray hairtlie commendatioun, forsamekle as this berar v<sup>m</sup> Fleming hes bein at me, schawand that he haid spoikin your (l), and fand your (l) weill villing to blok <sup>2</sup> with me towartis the rest of the Landis of quythorne, quhilk trewlie, gif I knew your (l) war sa myndit, I vald be glaid your (l) haid the samen rathair nor ony vthair, seing that your (l) hes the maist part of thai landis alreddy in your (l) handis; And thairfoir, gif your (l) be villing to end with me as I haif vrettin, that your (l) will be at ane poynt with your selff, and send me your vtter anser quhait your (l) will gif for the same; for gif your (l) beis content with this blok, your (l) sall agre for the haill, bayth for the landis that this berar v<sup>m</sup> Fleming hes, as the rest. And, becaus that this mertimes terme is bypast, gif your (l)

<sup>1</sup> This was too late. On the 1st November, Angus, Mar, the Master of Glamis, Bothwell, Home, Morton, John Lord Hamilton, and others, with their forces, had reached Stirling, which they entered next day, putting Arran and his supporters to flight, and were received into favour by the King.—*Moyses*, p. 54.

<sup>2</sup> To bargain or deal.

and I agreis heiranent, that your (l) will provyd for siluer aganis this nixt vitsonday. Sua to your (l) anser in this mater with the nixt commodius berar quhait I may leuk for at your (l) handis, I committ your (l) in the protectioun of the almychtie, from Elgyne this xxvij day of October 1585.—Your l assurit gud freind at power. Annas Keyth.

[The outer sheet with the address is missing.]

[The last figure in the date of the following letter is not distinct, but a reference to Lord Orkney's letter of 26th January 1585-6 shows that it must have been written before that date. It might be either 1583 or 1585. Lord Orkney's marriage took place in 1561, so Henry, "the Master," might have been twenty-one or twenty-three at the time of his death. His father and he were not on good terms, and Andrew Martin had taken the Master's part.]

Letter to ANDREW MARTIN, signed JAMES DICKSON, Servitor to the Master of Orkney, 23d November 1585.

Brother, efter my verray hartly commendatioun, Seing this berar is repairing to the partis quhair ye ar, thocht guid to visit you with thir few lynes, onless ye suld esteim me obliuius of my dewtie towartis yow. The estait of thingis heir the berar can declair the samen to yow at lenth. Bot ane thing the maister hes bene verray scharplie handillit and extremelie vsit be my lord sen your departing, and as yit is, ffor quhen evir he requiris ather claything or ony vther thing necesser for him my lord boistis<sup>1</sup> him, and saies he sall use him in na vther maner, quhilk the m<sup>r</sup> can nocht guidlie support. All this he beiris with sa far as he may, awaiting vpoun your hidderecuming, quhilkis he daylie luikis for, and thinkis verray lang thairto; ffor thair is few or nan that ar frack<sup>2</sup> in his causs. as to the gentilmen quha wes away, Thay haue gottin thair awin turnis done with my lord, and all thingis ar agreeit betuix thame; and sua he hes na help of thame, bot verray sliender, and he priesses thame alss litill, as he will schaw yow at mating. I pray yow

<sup>1</sup> Scolds.

<sup>2</sup> Diligent.

Remember to gang to andro broun and bring me sum medicin fra him for to relief the pane in my head. all vther thingis refairis to your awin wysdome and discretioun. The men following efter hes tham verray hartlie commendit to yow, namelie patrik ross, David moncreiff, magnus hurstoun, quha wisses your weill. And swa, with my secund commendatioun to your self and our acquentence thair, will ever pray god to be your defender. ffrome kirkwall, this xxiiij of November 1585. —Be youris luffing brother to his vttermaist power.

James Dickson  
seruitor to the M<sup>r</sup> of orknay.

Ye will remember to bring with yow ane dossen of commoun golf ballis to me and Dauid moncreiff.

To his luiffing brother andro Martyne delyuer this.

Summons from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, to attend the "Sessioun and Chekker" at Linlithgow, 14th December 1585.

Trusty and weilbelouit counsellour we greit yow hertlye weill. The necessitie of Justice salang wisset for be all our guid subiectis, and the sundrie comptis of our rentis restand vnmaid, hes moved ws be aduise of our counsall to appoint our sessioun and chekker to begin heir at Linlythgow the first day of Januar nixtocum.<sup>1</sup> Desyring you effectuslie that, gif throu schortnes of the tyme ye can nocht keip the day preceislie, ye address you heir with all convenient diligence, as ye will declair your guid affectioun to our service, and to the advancement of Justice, and the commoun weill of our realme. And sa we commit yow to god, at Linlythgow the xiiij day of December 1585.

James R.

To our trusty and weilbelouit counsellour  
the Lard of Barnebarroche.

<sup>1</sup> The Courts had not been sitting in Edinburgh on account of the plague. The king now understanding "Lynlythgow to be clene, and void of all suspicioun of the said seikness," orders the Courts to meet and sit there till further orders.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iv., p. 30.

Letter from Sir ARCHIBALD M'KIE<sup>1</sup> of Merton to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH (probably 1585).

My lord, efter most hartle commendaseoun to your (l) with  
mest hartle thankis for your (l) gud weill in my absance. my  
lord, and <sup>2</sup> god spair my lyeff, I sall quhyt <sup>3</sup> your (l) gud weill as  
I dowe or maye to do your (l) plesuir. me lord, halp me wyth  
your l gud wyll, and gayff my gud sonn your (l) consall, at  
(that) my caseown <sup>4</sup> may be ralewit, for I sall neuer gane out  
of lodean <sup>5</sup> quhill he be relewyt; thairfor hast <sup>6</sup> it as ye may.  
I wyll trebyll your (l) with ne langer latter, bot cometis your  
(l) to god.—be youris at the wttermost of my power,

Archibald m'kie of Mertown.

To my mest spasiall gwd frynd

my lord of barnebaracht.

I haid noder waix nor fergait.<sup>7</sup>

Letter from WILLIAM M'CLELLAND of Gelston to \_\_\_\_\_,  
6th January 1585-6.

Me lord, eftir me werrey hartlie commendationis, It will  
pleis your L wit that dawid kennaty your servand desyrit me  
to haif met your (l) at the kyrk of mochroum for certane caussis  
partly that he schew me, quhilk caussis I wes werray content  
of. nochtwithstanding that I promesit to dauid kennaty to  
haif cum In, as I wes myndfull quhen he and I departit. your  
l sall wit that I haif resaut ane wryting fra the lard of bomby,<sup>8</sup>  
my gudefather, to meit him at monigaf this vi of Januar for sic  
occationis he had ado. I beleif him to ryd in carrik, thairfoir  
your l man hald me excusit, for I haif send thomas my Eme to  
your l to schaw your l, and quhatsumewir thing that your (l)

<sup>1</sup> Archibald M'Kie of Myreton found caution in £1000 on 15th June 1583 for the entry of his son Patrick M'Kie, which had not been relieved on 30th April 1585.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*

<sup>2</sup> An, if.

<sup>3</sup> Requite.

<sup>4</sup> Caution, security.

<sup>5</sup> Meaning obscure.

<sup>6</sup> Haste.

<sup>7</sup> Perhaps for ferret, *i.e.*, narrow tape for binding papers.

<sup>8</sup> Thomas M'Clelland.



and the nobill men quhom with your (l) suld meit condescendis wpon that Is ressonabill I sall nocht faill In my part. ffarthair, gif in cace your (l) and the lard of blairquhen<sup>1</sup> meit, your (l) man tak the panes to speik his m desyring him to subscriw me precept of sesing conform to my fatheris Infestment, lyke as I salbe redly to do his m pleser quhen he sall charge. And als your l man causs the lard wnderstand that I will obtene chargeis wpon him In cace he be obstinat, quhilk I beleif his m will nocht refuiss my ressonabill desire. mair your l sall wit, conform to your (l) appuntment and mynd, I haif my seruand to gif sa mekle sylwer to dawid kennaty as thai culd now furneiss to ane gude compt. Thair is nothing that I promesit to your (L) befor my gude father the lard of bomby bot I sall keep the same, lyke as I dout nocht bot your (l) will keip wnto. And committis your (L) wnto god. of remeson<sup>2</sup> the sax of Januar 1585.—Be youris (l) assurit gude frend,

William m'clelland of Gelston.

[The outer sheet, with the address, is torn off.]

Letter from LORD ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
26th January 1585-6.

My lord, eftir my verry hairtlie commendatioun, having occasioun to direct this baerare my seruand towardis the south pairtis, Thocht guid to vesie your (l) with this letter, Requesting your (l) maist effectiouslie nocht to suffer my sone patrik to ressaue andro marting, samtyme seruand to harie my vmquhile sone, uther in service or companie; Nether that he ressaue his pernicious counsall, ffor as I allege the said andro quhat he culd be his wickit counsall to put vmquhile harie and me at variance; And causit him to pas to caithnes, and suc freindschip of the erle of caithnes aganes me, as the baerar can declair at lenth; quhairfoir I thocht best to dischairg him my sonnes companie

<sup>1</sup> Sir John Kennedy.

<sup>2</sup> ? Ravenstone, commonly pronounced *Rameston*, now belonging to Lord Borthwick, and about five miles from Barnbarroch.

till his pairt be tryit thairin. I vnderstand he hes haryis testament; he nevir lat me be participator thairof. I luik that your (l) will nocht suffer him to be abwsit nether with that testament, nor with ony wtheris the said androis conceptis. ffarder I think it verry necessar that my sone wer put to sum plaice in sum vther cuntrey, quhair he mycht larn vertew, and guid maneris, quhairin I craif your (l) counsall; quhidder it salbe best to send him to france, in respect of thair religioun, or to sum guid college within England, And quhat your (l) thinkis best I sall stand content thairwith, and help thairto tyll my power, having na vther occasioun for the present, I commit your (l) to godis eternal protectioun. ffrome kirkwall the xxvi day of Januare 1585.—Your (lo) luifing freind to command.

Orknay.

To my verry guid lord and speciall freind the laird of  
barbarroche Lord of our soverane lordis sessioun.

Letter by the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH to WILLIAM  
M'CLELLAN of Crofts, 9th February 1585-6.

Eyme, Eftyr my hartlie commendatione, and ye be rememberit of the harde letter ye vreit to me to barnbarrache for vant of your confyrmatione, quhilk I promesit to expedid to yow, quhilk nov ye sall ressaue fra this berar, and delyuer hym your hand vreit vpon the ressait thairof. and trevlie I sall nocht taik sua mykill In hand the nixt tyme. alwayss ye will ramembyr to provyid Ser Michael halthornes siluer aganis paice<sup>1</sup> at the furdest, vthervyss ye will excvyss that the lettres be put to farder execution. Remityng the rest to your visdom. And farder I will pray yow maist hartlie to help this my cusing to his rycht that he gottyn of his Eyme, and fordyr him In that mater, as ye vill haife me to do yow plesour. Remitting the rest to your visdom, and credeitt to the berar as to my self, and god keip yow. from Edy<sup>t</sup> this ix of far<sup>r</sup> 1585.—Be your Eyme att all power.

Barnbarrache.

To my rycht traist Eyme Villiame m'clellane of Croftes.

<sup>1</sup> Easter.

[Written on the back]—

I william m<sup>c</sup>lellane of croftis grantis me to haif Resaut at the handis of the Rycht honorabill M<sup>r</sup> Patrik wauce of barnebarroche my few charter of the few landis of borge with the confirmation thair of Be this present subscryuit with my hand at kirkcubrycht the fyftein of februar the yeir of god i<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> foure scoir fyve yeiris, Befoir thir witnessis, willame m<sup>c</sup>lellane in Dunure, Johnne nicusleis burges of kirkcubrycht.

I willame m<sup>c</sup>lellane of croftis with my hand.

Letter from KATHERINE KENNEDY, LADY BARNBARROCH, to  
JOHN KENNEDY of Barwhanny, 23d February 1585-6.

Trest freind, fforsamekle I resaut your letter wyth robert charteris hundrethe poundis, and quhair ye wrycht to me that ye haif gottin aucht mais<sup>1</sup> of herring for barnebarroche, we man hald ws content of the samin for this yeir; and quhair ye wryt ye can nocht get thame hame, I think adame murray and Jhone m<sup>c</sup>kye seruis to lytill effect thair hame, and I sall tak order thairwyth at my hameganging; and quhair ye wryt to me that the lard of garleis mervellis quhat moveis my husband to vse him sa hardlie as he dois, I am assurit ye know for ane quhat vnressonable speichis the lard of garleis spak of my husband sen he rid last hame, and quhow he suld vse robert mvlighame<sup>2</sup> in our dispyt, quhilk is the speciall caus of seiking of remeid as ve do, quhairfra ve sall nocht ceis wythout ve haif ane farder securitytie nor fair generallis. I am assurit the informatioun, that ye and william dunbar resaut at the lardis cumming in the cuntray, hes bein werray far by purpois, or ellis it that ye wret now is nocht sa trewlie spokin as I vald haif it, for ye know the best occation ve haif maid him is the chargis ve send hame to yow to put to executioun sen his hame ganging, and I mervell gif this occation sall mitigat the lard. allwayis I am assurit that be law we salbe exemit, and our haill servandis, fra the lardis courttis, bot onelie my husband presence thre heid

<sup>1</sup> A measure; "mail" in Orkney is 12 stones.

<sup>2</sup> ? Mulligan.

courtis. it is trew the lard hes wryttin to yow to continew the lard from the horne for aucht or ten dayis, quhill he maik yow aduertisment. the speciall occatioun of that is vpon the pryore of blantyris requeist to my husband, and assuring him that Jhone mvir is to cum out wyth sic offeris as salbe to my husbandis contentment, and gif sua beis we will proceid na (farder), and vtherwayis we will proceid be law. I pray yow failt nocht bot ye send out the chartor, as I wret wnto yow, wyth m<sup>e</sup>hadie for ve can do na thing but it; and gif ve had had it heirout, ve had gottin our decreit out. I pray yow failt nocht bot ye gar maik tualf bollis of meill, and haif ane brewing of doubill aill maid aganis our hame ganging, and luik that grottis be maid aganis our hame ganging, and god preserue yow. off edinburch, the xxiii of fabruar.—Youris at power,

Dame katherin kannady lady baranbarroch.

ffarder I pray yow failt nocht to send me out siluer with the first that cummis out to furneis our hous, for we ar werray skant thairoff; for the hundrethe poundis ye send out for robert chartoris was giffin to archibald primrois, and als ye sall resaue, rattoun possoun,<sup>1</sup> and gar gif the samin to the rattounis.

To my trest freind

Jhone kennadie<sup>2</sup> in barquhonnie.

Extract from ORDER OF COUNCIL to ALEXANDER STEWART of Garlies to desist from Sir Patrick Waus's lands in Whit-horn.

At Edinbur<sup>t</sup> the xxiiij day of februar the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxxv yeiris In presence of the lordis of counsal compeirit Alex<sup>r</sup> cwnynghame of cragendis and become caution and suertie for Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart of garleis that he sall desist and ceiss fra all halding of cuirtis vpoun the tennentis of the ten merk land of crugiltoun cavens, tua merk land and ane half of schaddok,

<sup>1</sup> Rat poison.

<sup>2</sup> This seems to be the husband of Grissell, Sir Patrick's second daughter. She was a widow, and remarried on 16th May 1589.

ballmiell, prestrey, wignigairie, als myd wigtoun, The ten merk land of carletoun, kirk of kirkmadin, apilbe, and knokdone, lyand within the Seref dome of wigtoun, pertening to Ser patrik wauss of barnebarocht knycht, and fra all atteiching and arresting of the tenentis thair of to compeir befor the said alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart and his deputis in ony cuirtis to be haldin be thame preceeding In calling of thame, thair guidis and geir in tyme cuming thairfor, quhill the tuolf day of apryle nixt to cum, vnder the pane of tua hundreth pundis, and that for obeying of the command of the lettres purchest be the said Ser patrik aganis the said Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart thairvpoun, quhilkis ar be vther lettres suspendit vpoun him quhill the said day. Extractum de libro actorum per me Alexandrum hay de eist kennet cliricum Rotulorum regni at consilii S D N Regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus, Alexander hay.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick Waus]—

Cregance <sup>1</sup> act for garleyss to desyst fra my landis of q<sup>t</sup>tarne.

Portion of Letter from LADY BARNBARROCH to her husband  
Sir PATRICK WAUS (probably March 1585-6).

Maist speical and dearest, my commendatiounis maist hartlie rememberit, I haue resaut your letteris, ane fra pattrik edgar, and ane fra Jo<sup>n</sup> Hilss, and I haue delyuerit your messivis according to your derecktioun; and I offerit to Joyne hill ane hundreth pund, and he wall noth tak it. I haue gifin David arnat his hundreth markis, and hes gottin your band. I heir that mairtein and krugiltoun is rad into to yow, and I will requiest yow, my hairt, to haue ane kair of your awin straitis, and of the weill of your bairnis; for seing that ye will get na siluer fra martein, I pray yow tak your awin, for it will do guid to your bairnis with tyme. I haue resaut ane letter drect from my lord of gairleis the aught of November, and I haue red it, and seis litill apeirrance of siluer, bot schallancis <sup>2</sup> of your wnkyndnes; alwayss consider of it as ye think guid. alwayss send me your anser, quhat ye think guid anent the schairging of my

<sup>1</sup> Craigends.

<sup>2</sup> Challenges.



lord; lykwayss, my hairt, ye sall wit that auch lain<sup>1</sup> was set for ane yeir for xxxiiii bols of witwall, and I delyuerit to thaim that tuik the land vii oxen and tua naigis, and all comprysit, and thay haue cum in, and casin the tak, and hes brocht the naigis again; and quhat thay mein I knaw noth, bot your brother maid the agriement betuein me and thaim; alwayss thaie tarrowis<sup>2</sup> be causs thay gat noth ane fyve yeir tak, and that wes the thing that I could noth do without your adwyce, sua in guid faith.

[The rest is missing.]

To my maist spaiciall and dearest the Laird of  
Barnbarroth this gif.

Letter from JAMES CRICHTON, Messenger, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, probably March 1585-6.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun of service, I haif resavit your (l) lettir, desyrand me in effect to denunce the Laird of garllis according to my promeis. Your (l) sall nocht neid to dout of me for my pairt god willing, Bot your (l) sall wit me Lady your wyfe hes the lettres, and will nocht gif thame to me to execut; quhairfor your (l) writ to hir, and caus hir delyver thame to me, and I sall do my pairt, and your (l) sall haif na causs to dout of me. I will nocht trobill your (l) with forder lettir, bot committis your (l) to god.—Be your (l) at power and service,

James Creichtoun, messinger.

[Address cut off.]

Letter from THOMAS KENNEDY of Bargany to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 8th March 1585-6.

My lord, efter my maist hartlie commendatioune, heiring that your (l) is chosin ane freind for me lord Settoun to treit vpon the maters, different betuixt his (l) and his brother, and becaus I persauie for weychte and grawe maters, that me lord eglintoun hes presentlie in hand, his (l) may nocht presentlie be at the

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps Auchlaun, a farm.

<sup>2</sup> Delay, refuse, or "take the pet."

daye of thair meittings, bot hes writtin to the secreiter in me lord settounis fawor to haif ane freindlie respect to the standing of me lord settouns hous in gud estait, Ewin sa will I maist effecteouslie, howbeit I knaw it be nocht very necessar, dessyr your (l) to schaw your self ane freindlie traveller in thir contraverseis betuixt me lord seattoun and his brether. I knaw weill enuche<sup>1</sup> your accustomet maner of doings for your freindis, and speciallie for thame that ye ar chosin to be freind for, yit I will praye yow, as ye wald do me plesser, ather to bring this to me lord seattounis contentment be your travell and guid consall, or vtherwyiss to prorogat the tyme with fair forme of delaye, and let me lord seattoun be foirsene of the estait of his causs, with your consall how the sam may be best remedit, without it cum vtherwyiss to his contentment. And in this doing I sall addet me to your (l) as gif the same war done to me self, quhen ye may haif power to applye, as knawis god, quha be your (l) keipar. writtin of wrwin<sup>2</sup> this aucht of merche 1585.—Be your (l) assureit at my power,

Bargany.

To the Rgt hono<sup>ll</sup> and his weilbeluift  
me lord off Barnebarrocht.

Letter from MALCOLM FLEMING to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th (perhaps) March 1585-6.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun of service, plesit your (l) to wit that I suld haue bene at your (l) the xv day of this Instant, and to haue brocht the syluer with me that your (l) knawis of, till haue sett forvard my causs, quhilk Is betuix your (l) and me. My lord, ye sall vnderstand that I Is at sum deseys of seiknes, and Is ewill handillit tharwith at this present, and, gif I haid escheptat the samin, I had keipit day appointit till haue furneist the foir said promiseiss, and yit sall assone as I salbe able to trauell, quhilk I think salbe schortlie, godwilling, that Is within ten or twelf dayes heirefter. thairfoir I will desyre your (l) to do for me In

<sup>1</sup> Enough.

<sup>2</sup> Irvine.

that causs as your (l) does for your (l) awin, and leif na thing vndone that may be hurtfull vnto me In that causs, and quhat charges your (l) bees In debursing for the samin, it salbe thankfullie gewin to your (l) contentment, with wther plesouris and seruice that lyes In me to do to your (l), as your (l) will comand. My lord, your (l) man apardoun me of my hammellie stett and chargeing, for I man vse your (l) as ane greit frind and maister till manteine me In all my honest caussis, and I to be the serwand, as your (l) will command; and this I thoct guid till aduerteiss your (l) In respect of my diseiss, and your (l) anser quhat your (l) thinkis to be doine ferder nor your (l) and I hes conferrit vpon. referrand the rest to your (l) visdome and aduerteisment, committand your (l) to the protexion of the almyti. writtin of quhithern, the xij day of this Instant.—Be your l assurit seruand at command,

Malcom flemyng in cadow.

To the Rycht honorable My lord of our  
souerane l cessioun of barrinbaroch.

Letter from MALCOLM FLEMING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
7th March (perhaps) 1585-6.

My Lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatione and sirveiss, I haif resavit your Lordschip vryting, and doine my delygenace thayrintill anentis the mony, at<sup>1</sup> the lard of brochtone promesit to you; for he is desavit qwha promesit to him; for Robein agordone, sone to the guidman of barskewthe, is the stay of it, for he haiss ane sowme of mony he stayis to geif to the Lard of Logane be promiseiss maid sen you (L) departing of this contray the quhilk your ladie can vryt my delygence thayrinto. mayr, my Lord, ye sall vnderstand that I sum part desapuntit my self be promiseiss maid vnto me, the quhilk I lokit for at my guidfader hand, master malcome, qwha promesit me L pund<sup>2</sup> of my mony, quhilk I sould a had at your (l), becauss that sowme is pertinand to my motheris lyfrent, qwha promesit to soport the said sowme, the quhilk is the stay of my comming sa sone as I tocht<sup>3</sup> to haif

<sup>1</sup> That.

<sup>2</sup> £50.

<sup>3</sup> Thought.

bein, and visis,<sup>1</sup> qwha promesit me till avance that sowme, and mayr at the present for by.<sup>2</sup> My lord, ye sall apardone me for that causs, and thayrfor, my lord, I leif<sup>3</sup> of na thing at<sup>4</sup> lvis in my power to provyd the said sowme, quhilk I believe sall be at your (l) or your departing of the towne; for geif I had not belevit in thame, qwha maid promessis, the sowme sowld bein at your (l) or now be vther menis, the quhilk I am presentlie in handis vit, and haiss a part of the said sowme in redinass, and sall obtien the rest schortlie; and thayrfor my Lord leif no thing vn doine that may be hurtand to me in that causs, for qwhat profeit your (L) gefis for samekill mony to set forwart the same in the mene tyme, I sall thankfullie recompanse it to your (l) vit my sirveiss and pover, not trobilland your (l) farder vryting at this present, bot remittis the rest to your (l) vysdome and meting, quhilk sall be schortlie god vylling. committand your (l) to the protektion of almytie god. of vightone, the vii day of merche.— Be your (l) assurit siruand,

Malcolm fleming in cradow.

To ane Ry<sup>t</sup> honorabill and my Lord of our souerane  
Lordis schesione of barnbaroche.

Letter signed MORTON to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 21st  
March 1585-6.

My Lord, efter my very hertlie commendationis, Sum of the cautionaris, quhilk his ma<sup>tie</sup> first nominated, vpon ane hid malice and envy quhilk they have borne to my gude estait, quhilk Lang haith Lurkit within thair breistis, at lenth now is Sythit<sup>5</sup> be thair denyll to becum cautioun for me, I being baith myndit honestlie to keip thame harmeles of all pane of dainger, and obligatyng my selff and my landis to the same effect, albeit they war in diuerss respectis obligated to me, if I had chargit thame with ane maitter of greitter importance and dainger, quhilk vnkyndnes being rehearsit to his ma<sup>tie</sup>, it hes plessit his hienes to nominate your ll and my lard Setoin to be adyvnit with

<sup>1</sup> Wishes.

<sup>2</sup> Forbye, besides.

<sup>3</sup> Leave.

<sup>4</sup> That.

<sup>5</sup> Satisfied.

my vther cautionaris, quhilk his alredy subscryuit the band. Quhairfoir I mon maist hertlie pray your ll, as I salbe redy to acqyte your ll with the lik curtasie, that albeit hithertillis I haue nocht had occasioun to kyith<sup>1</sup> my willing mynde to do your (ll) honor and plesser as glaidlie, I wald that your (ll) will schaw me freyndship as to becum cautioun, quhairby my present warde may be chayngeit to the towne. In the quhilk your (ll) sall addet me to pleser you in that I can when ye sall charge, and with goddis grace my lyfe sall gang or your (ll) be drownit in the borrowgait. I feir if your ll and my lord Setoin deny this, his ma<sup>tie</sup> will think avill on my pairt. Swa I committ your (ll) to the almychty god. Off Ed<sup>r</sup> castell the xxi day of merche, 1585.—Your ll very assured freynd,

Mortoune.<sup>2</sup>

To my rycht trustie and assureit freynd  
My lord of Barnebarroch.

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR of Kinhilt, Younger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably 15th April, and about 1586.

My Lorde, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I have ressavit your (L) wreting, and persavis that the comprysing of kinnoquher hes tane gude effect be your (L) gude ayde, and that your (L) wretis to me to be out throw againis the sonday efter pace.<sup>3</sup> my lorde, ye know that my furtheuming can do lytill, the Justice clerk<sup>4</sup> beande absent, bot sa sone as the Justice clerk cumis home, and that all vther thingis be in redines to the confirmatioun and passing of the seilis,<sup>5</sup> I salbe thair at your (L) plesor. ffarder quhair ye wrete to me of the gude man of barskeochis<sup>6</sup> thowsand pundis, I sall satisfie yow in that be resonne to your (L) awin contentment, as the beirare hereof sall declair yow,

<sup>1</sup> Show or prove.

<sup>2</sup> John, Lord Maxwell, had been created Earl of Morton. The title was revoked by the king on 9th February 1584-5, and he was restored in the Parliament on 4th December 1585. He was imprisoned for three months at this time for professing the Roman Catholic religion and attending mass.—*Hist. James VI.*

<sup>3</sup> Easter.

<sup>4</sup> Sir Lewis Bellenden.

<sup>5</sup> Seals.

<sup>6</sup> William Gordon.



quhome to It will pleis your (L) to give credit. farder your (L) sall wit that the lairde of Bass hes chargeit me and Christine Adair to enter him as vassall to certane landis of kinnoquhare, as ye may persave be the charge, and my ansser to him, quha had his power, the quhilk your (L) mone advyse with bayth with maister Jo<sup>ne</sup> scharpe, and (M) Alex<sup>r</sup> King, that we be nocht preiudgit be It. ffarder your (L) mon speik eirnestlie to Jone Halyday to have furth the proces with diligence, lyke as I have wretin to him to the same effect, with the secunde takin to mak all thingis be done with diligence. Nocht ellis, bot your (L) will give credite to the beirare, and god preserue yow. with my hartlie commendatiounis to my ant, your bedfallow. ffrome Drummoir, the xv of this instant, Be your (L) eme and friend at power,

Niniane Adair of Kenhelt younger.

To the ry<sup>t</sup> honorable and his speciall  
eme Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarrocht  
Knycht this be Delyuerit.

Relief from Taxation granted to SIR PATRICK WAUS as a Judge,  
30th April 1586.

To the richt hono<sup>ll</sup> the collector of the taxationis grantit to our Souerane Lord in tyme bygane or to cum, and to the Sereff of wigtoun, and your deputis, greting in god euerlasting: I testife and makis knawin vnto yow be thir presentis That all the senatouris of the college of iustice ar fre, and exemit fra pament of all taxationis of thair landis and heretaige, as alsua of thair benefices, being vnder prelaciis. And thairfor it sall not be neidfull That ye charge Ser patrick waus of barnbarrauch knycht, being ane of the saidis senatouris, for ony taxationis of his landis or benefices belanging to him self vnder prelaciis. Seing at the hering of your compt his part wilbe diffesit, and allowit to yow be reason of his said exemptioun. In witness heiroyf I haue subscriuit this present with my hand, At halyruid-hous, the Last Day of April, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> four scoir sex yeris.

Alexander hay.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick Waus]—my relefe fra all taxationis subscrivit be the clerk register.

Letter from DAME ANNA KEITH, COUNTESS OF ARGYLE, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 5th May 1586.

My Lord, efter my verray hairtlie commendatioun, according the commoning, the quhilk was betuix vs in Ed<sup>r</sup> anentis the disposition of the Landis of quhithorn, and eftir my cuming to this toun of streveling, I haif spokin my dochter my lady murray<sup>1</sup> thairintill, quha is contentit that ane day be appoyntit for ending of the same, quhilk scho vald viss to be the xxiiii day of Junij nixt, quhair that my lord of down and vthairis freindis salbe present in ed<sup>r</sup> to kep the same, quhilk I doubt nocht bot your (ll) will do gudvill to keip lykviys, giff your leasar may serve. And in this manetye desyris your l to speik the Lord of lochinvaire<sup>2</sup> anentis the vthair purpois ye knaw, And to send me Anser thair of agane with the nixt commodius berar, or at the lest at your awin cuming to ed<sup>r</sup>. Thus I thocht gud to aduertiss yow. Sua for the present to forthair occasion, And your anser agane quhat I may leuke for, I comitt yow to god. frome streveling the v of May 1586.—Your ll assuret gud frend at power, Annas keyt.

To my lord of Barnbarroch this be delyuerit.

Letter from ANDREW KER of Fauldonside to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 8th May (perhaps) 1586.

My lord, efter my veray hairtly commendatioun, pleis your (l) my brother robert caer hes ane actioun depending befor your (L) aganis James sinclar in edomstoun; And becauss I am stayit be my vairding<sup>3</sup> that I can nocht labour for the forderance of my brotheris just causs, I am movit to be this haimlie

<sup>1</sup> Margaret, Countess of Murray, elder daughter of James, Earl of Murray, Regent of Scotland, and wife of James Stuart, Lord Doune, who became in her right second Earl of Murray.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Gordon (see Lord Murray's letter, 11th December 1586).  
Imprisonment.

with your (l), maist hartly dessyring your (l) to furdre the said  
causs according to Justice. the particularis of the saming this  
berar, my soun, will discarss at greitare lenthe to your (l),  
quhom to it will pleis your (l) gif credit. sua for the present  
committis your (l) to the protexioun of the almightie god. off  
blaknes this viii day of May.—Your (l) at povar to command,

Andro Caer of fawdonsyde.<sup>1</sup>

To my lord the laird of barbarrach  
this be delyuerit.

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR of Kinhilt, Younger, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 11th May (probably) 1586.

My Lorde, efter my hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your  
(l) wreting, and persauis be the samene ye haue referrit credite  
to the beirare. And as concerning sindrie heides, quhilkis I  
lipinit to him to haue commownit to your (l), I persaife ye haue  
agreit vpone nane except ane onlie heid, quhilk is that your (l)  
is content to discharge James maccullochis gudsone of balyet  
of fyve hundreth merkis, I takane the lairde of kirk of yow,  
and paying him the dewtie out of the cleine, as the vse is, my  
self. And gif your lordschipe be content of this, ye mone  
adverteis me thair of in wrete, quhairthrow I may mak certaine  
with James m'cullocht and his gudesone. And as to the rest of  
the heidis, I remitte thame to your (L) meiting and myne,  
quhilk salbe vpone your (l) adverteisment, howsone my Lorde  
Justice clerk cumis hame. Nocht ellis, bot your (L) will haue  
my hartlie commendationis to my ant, your bedfallow, and to  
your sone; with your anser in wrete. and god preserue your  
(L). ffrome Dunskey, the xi day off maij. Be your (L) eme at  
powar,

Niniane adair of kenhelt younger.

<sup>1</sup> Andrew Ker of Fauldonside was the husband of the widow of John Knox, and a man of note and influence in his time. The editor has not found any record of his imprisonment; but on 13th August 1586 he complained to the Council, of oppression by Francis, Earl Bothwell, in a matter between John Ker, his brother, and Sir James Sinclair of Hirdmestoun.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iv., p. 96.

farder your (L) mone be sa gude as to take the painis to sie that we be nocht preiudgit be the lairde of baser (?),<sup>1</sup> for his sute is vnresonable, as (M) Allex<sup>r</sup> king and wame weir will gif your (L) information. for I desyrit the sicht of his evident, quhairvpone I sould serrue him, or the sicht of his retour, quhairwith he wes seruit as air lawchtfull to his predicessour; quhilk his officiar refuisit, and I tuik instrumentis thairvpone, quhilk instrumentis (M) Allex<sup>r</sup> king will schaw your (L).

To the rycht honorable and his speciall  
eme Ser patrik vauss of barnbarroch  
knycht this be delyuerit.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick]—"The layrde of kynheltis vreit anent the charge of the v<sup>e</sup> merkis I haif vpon vad (?) for kirkcaffes v<sup>e</sup> merkis of the clennarrys.

Letter from DAME KATHERINE HERRIES, LADY GARLIES, to  
the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 11th May 1586.

My Lord, efter my hartlie and luiffing commendatioun, pleis your l, my husband hes vreten to me to keip ane tryst the 15 of this instant in Wigtonne, apointit betuix your l and my sone. of the fayth and credeit of ane crestane voman I am nocht abill at this present to ryd thre myll nocht the les I heafe vretin thame bayth to keip ane tryst in kirkeudbricht betuix my sone and me vithin xiiij dayis, or soner, for ane, and diuerss ma, materis of consequence extendis to my grat hurt. heirfoir I will bayth requist and pray your l, to do me that profetabil pleser as to keip the samyne, that I may haife your friendlie and secreit consell in sick thingis as I may nocht nominat in vrit; for your (l) consell and funderrenss hes done me at all tymes exceptabill pleser, quhilk sall neuer be forgot; and that all thingis salbe done to your contentment that your l will, that in me lysis, that ar betuix ws; and gif it may stand with your (l) contentment, I would deser your (l) to gar adverteiss thame bayth gif your (l) wilbe thair; and gif that my sone will keip the samyne, and gif I be lewinge, with goddis grace that day I salbe thair. Lat thes

<sup>1</sup> ? Bass (see letter, 15th April 1586, p. 352).

na wyis apeir ane excuis to your (l), for of my treuth your (l) sall neuir find it ane singe<sup>1</sup> in me quhill I haif lyfe that pleser in me lyis to your (l). I sall bring sick freindis thair as I ma wse consell of, and salbe bund anenteis the finischng of all descrepance betuix your (l) seruand villie Dunbar and me, nocht doutane bot thes ye your (l) will do, that all deference may be put to end, and that I may meit your l face to face, quhilk I maist deser of ony lord or freind leivinge, liyk as your (l) hes, and may haife, power euer to command to the end, as knawis the almyte god, to quhais keipinge I commit your (l). frome dalsuentioun, the xi of maii, 1586.—Be your l assurit at the wter maist of my power,

Dame kathrene hereiss, Lady garleise.

ffarder, pleis your, my minister your l buikit in anno foirskoir foir, is informit that he is nocht buikit, and he nayther can get the letteris resignatioun, nor payment of the parsoun for want thairof; quhairfoir your (l) man help to get him buikit agane, and letteris gif he be omittit, or ellis he will get nathinge of the parsoun, and he is the seruand I may nocht want, nor the pareschoune; seinge he is nocht abill to ryd him self, your (l) man send out with the first sum earnest letir for his buiking, lyk as me lord hamiltoun hes done to the secreter and the clerk of register; bot I traist your l requiest man do the turne, and<sup>2</sup> he be vnbuikit. this I pray your l remember, for he is ewill done to, and he will do your l seruand with hartlie seruice, and guid mynde for your l kyndness past done to hime.

[The following Bond was substituted for one in which Sir Patrick, with others, was cautioner for the Earl of Morton in 100,000 merks.]

Bond for 20,000 Merks by the EARL OF MORTON and  
CAUTIONERS, dated 12th, 13th, and 14th May 1586.<sup>3</sup>

At haliruidhous the twentie sevint day of maij the yeir of

<sup>1</sup> Sign, characteristic.

<sup>2</sup> An, if.

<sup>3</sup> Registered 27th May 1586.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iv., p. 76.



god ane thousand fyve hundreth four scoir sax yeiris. The Quhilk day in presens of the lordis of secrete counsall comperit personalie Johne erle of mortoun lord maxwall for him self, and as procurator for his cautionaris under wretin, and gaive in the obligatioun and bond under wretin, desyring the same to be actit and registrat in the buikis of secrete counsall To haif the strenth of ane act and decreit of the lordis thairrof. Quhilk desyre the saidis lordis finding resonable hes thairfoir ordanit and ordanis the said obligatioun to be actit and registrat in the saidis buikis, of the quhilk the tenor followis: Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, WE Johne erll of mortoun, lord maxwell, as principall, and Edward maxwall fear of lamyngtoun and S<sup>r</sup> Robert maxwall of dynwiddie, knight, as cautionaris and souerteis for me, to be bundin and obleist, and be the tennour heiroyf bindis and oblesis us, conniunctlie and seueralie, that I the said erle of mortoun be my self and all that I may lat sall anser and mak redress for all attemptatis alredie committit be thame in ony tyme bygane aganes trew men sen his hienes last parliament haldin at linlithgw vpone the tent day of december last bypast. And siclyk sall enter the persones of sic as I am debtbund to anser for vpone the generall band befoir the wardane Justice or his deputis. Or els do my exact diligence aganes thame conforme to the generall band and under the panes specifeit thairintill. And in respect it hes plesit our soverane lord the king to freith and releive me, the said Erle and my cautionaris,<sup>1</sup> of our band maid under the pane of ane hundreth thousand markis for my remaning and keiping of trew waird within the burgh of edinburgh and ane myle thairabout, That thairfoir I the said erle of mortoun and my cautionaris

<sup>1</sup> See Morton's letter of 21st March 1585-6. A bond of caution in 100,000 merks by "Johnne, Earl of Mortoun, Lord Maxwell, as principal, and Robert, Lord Seytoun, Sir Patrick Vause of Barnbarroch, James Douglas of Drumlangrig, and Edward Maxwell, fiar of Lamyngtoun, as sureties, that the said Earl, on being relieved furth of the castle of Edinburgh, where he is at present in ward, shall immediately repair to the burgh of Edinburgh, and keep ward in the same till freed by the king," was registered 22d March 1585-6. This bond reduces the amount of caution to 20,000 merks, and extends the limits of his "ward" to four miles round Edinburgh.

forsaidis to be bundin and obleist, conniunctlie and severalie, that I the said erle sall keip trew waird within the said burgh of edinburgh and four mylis thairabout, and nawayis transcend the saidis boundis without his maiesties speciall licence vnder the pane of twentie thousand markis. And I the said Johne erle of mortoun oblesis me to warrand and releive my saidis cautionaris of the premisses, And of all pane and danger that thay sall happin to sustene thairthrow, And for the mair securitie I and my saidis cautionaris ar content and consentis that thir presentis be actit and registrat in the buikis of secreit counsall, and decernit to haif the strenth of ane act and decreit of the lordis thair of, with executorialis of horning or poynding to pas thairvpone in forme as efferis, And for registering heirof makis and constitutis euery and ilk ane of thame, conniunctlie and severalie, our procuratouris to the effect above wretin. In witnes quhair of I, and my cautionaris above wretin, hes subscriuit thir presentis with our handis At Edinburgh, lamyngtoun, and tynvell, the xij xiiij and xiiij dayis of maij, the yeir of god ane thousand fyve hundreth fourscoir sax yeiris, Befoir thir witnesses maister archibald makclellane, Johne edgear, harbart maxwall charlis maxwall williame maxwall and andro baillie. Sic subscribitur mortoun, Edward maxwall fear of lamyngtoun S<sup>r</sup> Robert maxwell of dynwiddie Charlis maxwell witness, andro baillie witness, harbart maxwall witness, Williame maxwall witness, Maister archibald makclellane witness, Johne edgear witness, Extractum de libro actorum secreti consilij S. D. N. regis per me Joannem hay clericum deputatum ejusdem sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. Joannes hay.

Letter by JAMES STEWART, LORD DOUNE, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 24th August 1586.

My Lord and cousing, efter my verray hartlie commendationn, I writt to yow oft and dyueris tymes of before, and with ane callit Johnnie Kennedie dwelland in the cowgait of edinburcht, as lykwyiss I dereetit ane lettre to yow with the M<sup>r</sup> of Cassillis concerning the alienatioun of the landis of Quhitherne, pertening

to my sone and guid dochter my lord and Lady Murray, quhilk thai ar haill myndit and will dispone and annalie,<sup>1</sup> as I schew you, and that for the redemptionn of sum vther landis adiaceant in this cuntray at mertymes nixtocum without ony further delay, And as yitt hes nevir ressaut na anser of yow quhatt your mynd is to do thairin; Albeit I have stayit thaim of ony proceeding with ony man, or entering in ony communication in that purpoiss to this hour, till I had ressaut your anser. Notwithstanding there is dyueris quha hes bene and is daylie suitane to have ado thairwith, sic as the Laird of knockdolean<sup>2</sup> and ane callit Flemyng and utheris, quha offeris to delyver present syluer in dew tyme afore Martymes to do ony lesum turne thai haue ado; Thairfore, in respect I haue delayit thaim solang awayting upon your anser, I pray yow and that with all diligence ye forder me anser of the vtermaist of your mynd what ye ar myndit, or will do, thairin, for I can stay them na langer seing the tyme of warning before the said terme is approacheand neir. And gif the samen beis annaleit<sup>1</sup> to utheris personis, I dout nocht bott ye will have me appardonit of my dewetie, and think that I have done thairin as becummis me in staying the samen salang. This is only upon your anser, on to the quhilk I remit all uther thingis; Luiking for the samen with all guidlie expedition, committis your L to the protectioun of the eternall god. writtin ffrome Down in menteyth the xxiiii day of August 1586.—Your L verray assurit Cousing to his power,

James Stewart.

And desyris that ye haue anser heir within ten dauyis quhat ye will do or ellis we will nocht luik thairfore And the wyit<sup>3</sup> sallbe in your self gif ony he in Scotland gettis it by<sup>4</sup> yourselff. Bott we may mak na langer delay and may haue the haill sowme in dew tyme agane the said terme.

To his verray guid Lord and cousing

My Lord of Barinbarro.

<sup>1</sup> Alienate.

<sup>3</sup> Blame.

<sup>2</sup> Robert Graham of Knockdolian.

<sup>4</sup> Except.

Letter from JAMES ADAMSON, Minister of Whithorn, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 2d September 1586. [Holograph.]

My Lord, efter hartlie salutatione in the Lord Jesus, Pleis your (ll) remember that I cravit the Lend of the expositioun of Gualter vpoun the actis of apostillis, Quhairfoir I mon be sa hamelie as to burthein your (ll) with the Lend thairof, and deliuer the sam to this berar; And quhen your (ll) hes to do thairvithe agane I sall redelyuer the said buik at your (ll) desyre. Prayand your (ll) to hald me apardonit of this my hamelie request; This nocht doutting, bot your (ll) will do, committis your (ll) to the protectioun of god. ffrome quhitherne, the second day of September 1586.—Youris (ll) to be commandit in Christ efter power,

Maister James Adamsone minister at Quhithorne.

To the Richt honorable Sr patrik Waus of Barnbarroch  
knycht Lord of Sessioun.

[The following curious letter has neither address, signature, or date, but as the death of "my lord off new bottill" is spoken of as recent, and Mark Ker, abbot of Newbattle, died in 1584, it is inserted here. It is in the same handwriting as that of Lady Forbes, dated 21st April 1585, page 327.]

Part of a LETTER without signature or address, date after 1584.

My lord, my housband is maid to play the part off ane mvrderer, and fyr raser, and covmmoun oppressor, besyd gryt slauchteris and spulyear. I meyne to satisfie for all sic thingis as giff it haid bene done be him selff, all thir vrangis done on him and his, quhilk he is decernit to satisfie for. besyd the discharge off his awin part, and the burding taking on him for the laiff, he is constranit to find cautioun for the violent possession of rovmis, quhom off the men haid newir nane haldine off him, quhom off sum men hes dischargit thair bluid and geir frelie, peteand<sup>1</sup> my lordis causs and the estait he stuid in. The second rank hes dischargit with conditionis, sum for stedingis, and sum

<sup>1</sup> Pitying.

for geir, to be presentlie giffin in hand to thame. The third rank hes refuissit aluterlie<sup>1</sup> to discharge, and thinkis to tak thair tym on him, and agre with the adwerser to preserve him, quha suld haue him to thair warrand, and wil find him sa to be, giff this extremetie haldis fordvar<sup>t</sup> vssit on him. Lat the varld juge giff my lord be opressit, quha is abil to byd the kingis Law for ony crym that may be laid to his charge but<sup>2</sup> respit or remission sen he vas ane yeir ald, giffand him ane onsuspect asyss, gen thair is na fordir to be laid to his charge, except only the nocht fulfilling off the kingis decreit, quhilk lay na fordir in his povar to do nor I haue abone wretine. And yit it vas tane on, sair aganis his will, at the kingis hichnes request and special command, giffine be the mouth off my lord ogilbie<sup>3</sup> that Leiffis, and my lord off new bottill<sup>4</sup> that last deceissit. fair promiseiss vas maid giff he wald obey, and gryt threittningis giff he refuissit, he craiffit only contenewance<sup>5</sup> quhill he mycht awyss with his freindis; that was refuissit to him, And now that is the grytest querrell his freindis beiris, that he submitit by<sup>2</sup> thair consall, quha was partaker with him in all trubillis that fel on him for the kingis causs, sa aucht thair consall to haue bene haid in the submissioun. . . .

Letter from the EARL OF MORTON to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 14th September 1586.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendationis, I resaut your L letter anentis the gudis tane be the men off weir, quhilk wer takand in England be William Dunbar your servand. I remember verie weill of my wryting to your first request concerning Willie Dunbar that I wuld owirse<sup>6</sup> him for a tyme, making me knawing of the number. sen the quhilk wryting he hes tane in England mony kye and oxin, and laitly now being takand away ane getrar number by<sup>2</sup> my knowlege, the kingis men of weir

<sup>1</sup> Utterly.

<sup>2</sup> Without.

<sup>3</sup> James, sixth Lord Ogilvy, succeeded his father in 1549, and died in 1606.

<sup>4</sup> Newbattle. Mark Ker, Abbot of Newbattle, died in 1584.

<sup>5</sup> Delay.

<sup>6</sup> Oversee.



hes challancit<sup>1</sup> the gudis, and he hes componit with the Capitane thairfor, and tane the gudis in England; swa the mater is composit be him and the men of weir, that I can nather hynder thame, nor helpe him forther thairanent, be reason bayth he and thay wer contentit swa to do In my awin presence. quhair throw your L will please to haue me excusit that I can nocht heirin satefy your last request, quhair of I am evill pleaseid. Resting to truble your L forther, I commit yow to god. Drumfres this xiiij of September 1586.—Your L veray loving freind for ever,

Mortoune.

To my verie gude lord my lord of Barn(barrache).

Latter part of a Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, October 1586.

ffarther as consarning the tuae hundrethe markis that ye wreit for, that my mother and mindoirk suld haue payit your (I), I schew mindork your letteris, quhaeis ansuer was that he was nocht samekill adettit to yow, bot he said he suld cum to Edr and compt with yow, and according to your compt and his hie suld wreit to me to maik yow payment; and gif in caice that ye and hie agrie vpone comptis, I wald ye suld get my motheris letteris to pay yow, alsweill as his, vtherwayis I cain nocht weill gif it onless I offend hir, quhilk I beleif ye will nocht wiss me to do. I haue desyirit wilyeme Dunbair command your servandis in your name to bie redye to ryd to drumfreiss with me to the meting of the luftenent,<sup>2</sup> and this I haue done of my self, quhilk I beleif ye will allow; and gif thair bie one<sup>3</sup> neid of sik reidis, ye main send ane command to sik as ye think meit ogin<sup>4</sup> your servandis bie in redines, as occation sall serf. I haue send out letteris with your servand david kennatye to charge the maistress of wchiltrie to maik payment of the seruing of crugel-tone castell of the four scoir fyf yeir, quhilk I will desyir yow sie done, albeit ye suld seme to misken the doing of it. dawed<sup>5</sup> cain declair to your (I) quhat way schoe hes socht in my contrar.

<sup>1</sup> Challenged.

<sup>2</sup> Summoned for 3d December 1586.

<sup>3</sup> Ony, any.

<sup>4</sup> Against, by the time.

<sup>5</sup> David Kennedy.

this mekill eftir I had closit your vther letteris, suae commitis yow to god.—Your assurit freind at my power, Garleis.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and my speciall gud  
freind the Lord of Barnbarrache.

Letter from LORD MURRAY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
11th December 1586.

My lord, after my verray hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your (l) letter, and vnderstandis be the berar the paynis your (l) tuik wyth the Lard of louchinvar<sup>1</sup> and lyncluden<sup>2</sup> for ending with the tennentis the vard and mariage of sanquhair,<sup>3</sup> for the quhilk I thank your (L); and besyd queneuer your (L) pleasis to put me to charge salbe fund reddie to acquyt your (l) guid vill. quhair your (L) vreittis that the first commoning maid betuix ws anentis the landis of the priorie of quhythorne is alterit in tua poyntis, to wyt the payment of sowmes, and of the expensis of the precept of clare constat, as to the first, I thocht neuer to haif haid less at vitsunday nixtocumis nor four thousand markis, and the vther thousand at mertimes nixtocumis, in respect of the turne I haif ado aganis witsunday nixtocumis for redemyng of the landis of barnhul, and thairfor your (L) man nocht tak it in ony vther part bot that I man haif the four thousand markis at vitsunday, and to that effect hes causit fill the contract; and as to the precept of clare constat, I haif send yow wyth the berar my obligatioun of tua hundreith markis to be dischargit, of the laist thousand markis, quhilk is mair nor euer my Ladie airgyll wald haif don; thairfor I haif send the contract agane to your (l) subscriuit to be registraid, quhairin I haif gretar caus to allege the alteratioun of the commoning; for attour the first commoning betuix ws, ye cravit the confirmatioun and the

<sup>1</sup> Sir John Gordon.

<sup>2</sup> Mr Robert Douglas, Provost of Lincluden.

<sup>3</sup> Robert, sixth Lord Crichton of Sanquhar, son of Edward, fifth Lord, and Margaret, daughter of Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig, was born before 1571, when his mother contracted a second marriage. The gift of his marriage had probably been given to the provost (or prior) of Lincluden, who was selling it to Lord Murray.

reuerſion, quhilk was conuenit wpoun at the begynning; yeit I vill nocht ſtand thairwpoun, bot viles your (l) to kepe to me, lyk as I ſall fulfill all conditionis be your (l). I haif villit the berar to mak my laſt effer to lyncluden tuiching the mariage of ſanquhair, quhairof I vill nocht rebait ane Joyt, quhilk he vill communicat to your (l) wyth ſic vther thingis as concernis the contract betuix ws. and ſa for the preſent remitting the reſt to his declaratioun, committis your (l) to god. ffrome caſtell downe, the 7 of december, 1586.—Youris L guid freind at pouer,  
Murray.<sup>1</sup>

To my verray guid L Ser patrik Wauss Vauss of barbarroche kny<sup>t</sup> ane of the ſenatouris of the college of Juſtice.

Letter Mr J. GRAHAME to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably about 12th December 1586.

It may pleiſſ your ll witt, that I vnderſtand be ſwm moyen that my ladye<sup>2</sup> will end with your ll, and It is determinat to the ſam effect, nochtwithſtanding It be maid ſtrange, ffor ſa was hir wmquhill husbandis<sup>3</sup> direction left to hir (ll). Quhairfoir handle hir warlie, and yitt hald gangan, quhen it is gangan, giff aye reſſonable conditioun be offerit. I wald wiſſ your (ll) giff three thowsand markis, nochtwithſtanding your bedfallow thinkis it our mekle; ffor, vpoun my ladyis aduerſement, quyetlie I travellit with hir to lern owt your (ll) mynd yitt I fynd I was mett with lyik craft I brocht, and In werity deid In caſe I had lernit off your (ll) ſaid bedfallow aye thing mycht proffeit my ladye,<sup>2</sup> I wald nocht haiff maid my maiſtres foirsene thairoff; yitt my paneis is, that be aye thing I haiff aduantageit my ſelf. I haiff writen to my ladye,<sup>2</sup> and vtheris my freyndis, abowt my lord<sup>4</sup> and hir (ll), And I am maiſt aſſurit nane wilbe ane hinderer, but rather ane furtherar and In caſe your (ll) fynd it

<sup>1</sup> Earl of Murray, in right of his wife, the eldeſt daughter of Regent Murray (*ante*, p. 354). He was the eldeſt ſon of Lord Doune, and was known as the “Bonnie Earl Murray.”

<sup>2</sup> The Counteſſ of Argyle, widow of the Regent Murray, and now of Colin, Earl of Argyle.

<sup>3</sup> Colin, Earl of Argyle, who died in September 1584.

<sup>4</sup> Probably Lord and Lady Murray.

nocht sway I wald be glaid to lern thame owt, ffor it may happin they imploye me in the lyik ado. Haiffin na vther occasioun, eftir I haiff assurit your (ll) off the beraris gudwill, and eftir my haill commendatioun of service presentit, I commit your (ll) to god off Ed<sup>r</sup>, this setterday, In haist.—your (ll) awin assurit to be commandit with service, Mr J. Grahame.<sup>1</sup>

To the rycht ho<sup>ll</sup> the lard of barnbarrowcht ane of the  
senatouris off our souerane Lordis college off Justice.

Letter from Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 1586. [Holograph.]

My lord efter my maist hartly coimmandatiownis, I am informeit be my serwand, iameis<sup>2</sup> mowir,<sup>3</sup> that yowir loirdscheip hes stand as ane freind in my afairis, that I heif ado presently, quhilk I maist hartly thaink yow, me lord, of yowir gudwill, and gif ye vill schairg<sup>4</sup> me, I sall do yoir loirdschip as grait plesowir, gif ye vill schairge me, and I pray yow, me lord, that ye vill be sa gud is to stand as ane freind in this kawis<sup>5</sup> betowix me and gairleis, for the awild<sup>6</sup> freindscheip that heis bein betowix my gudsowir<sup>7</sup> and yow. me lord, that yowir l vill sie I get na vraing,<sup>8</sup> quhilk I lowik, me lord, that ye vill do, is<sup>9</sup> ye sall find me redie to do yow plesowir and swa committis yoir l to the nichtie protextioun of god. of mochrum, the xxvi day of this instant, be yowirs ascowrit freind at powar, Mochrum.<sup>10</sup>

To the rycht honorabill, and his speciale gude lord,  
S<sup>r</sup> patrik Vaus of barnbarroch knycht.

Letter from LORD MURRAY to Sir PATRICK WAUS, 16th  
December 1586.

My Lord, after my verray hartlie commendatioun, the berar heirof my servand hes Lattin my Lord my father and me sie the

<sup>1</sup> Of Knockdolian.

<sup>2</sup> James.

<sup>3</sup> Muir.

<sup>4</sup> Charge.

<sup>5</sup> Cause.

<sup>6</sup> Auld, old.

<sup>7</sup> Goodsire.

<sup>8</sup> Wrong.

<sup>9</sup> As.

<sup>10</sup> This is probably Sir John Dunbar, who succeeded his father, Alexander, in 1585.

minit of the contract to be performit betuix your (L) and me, quhairin your (L) hes notit in the margyne tua heidis by and attoure the first conuening. the first is concerning the termes of the deliuering of the fiwe thousand markis, your (L) desyrand the same to be devydit be deliuerance of thre thousand markis at vitsunday nixtocumis and twa thousand markis at martimes fallowing. the secund note that your L notit was tuiching the enterie of my wyiff as air to hir sister<sup>1</sup> be ane precept of clare constat, for the quhilk your L wald haif sum gratitude, in the quhilkis tak notis, and the rest of the heidis, we haif declarit our mynd at lenthe to the berar, upoun the declaratioun quhairof gif ye pleis to end, I and my father salbe villing to performe. forder becaus Louchinvar is cum in thai partis, with quhome I doubt nocht bot ye haif bene in hand wyth or<sup>2</sup> now, and thairfor haif derectit the berar to end alsveill in that matter<sup>3</sup> as with your self; and this for the present, remitting the rest to the berar, quhome ye sall credyt, I commit your L to god. ffrome castell downe, the xvi of december, 1586.—Youris L guid freind at power,

Murray.

To my verray guid Lord my L of barnbarroch,  
ane of the senatouris of the college of justice.

Letter from the EARL OF MURRAY to SIR PATRICK WAUS,

22d

1586.

My Lord, efter my maist hairtlie commendatioun, haveing ado presentelie with sum siluer, I man desyir your (ll) maist ernistlie to deliuer to this berare Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart ane hundryth punds, quhilk salbe weill allowit to your (ll) at the ressait of the rest; and my wyiff sall giff hir acquittance vpoun it, becaus I am nocht presente myselff. Swa nocht doutting bot ye vill do this, seing I haiff sik necesser turnis ado with it, and I pray you to giff my wyiff your oppinyioun towart the waird of mariage of sancher, and in all wtheris of hir turnis quhilk scho hes ado.

<sup>1</sup> Lady Errol.  
previous letter).

<sup>2</sup> Before.

<sup>3</sup> The ward and marriage of Sanquhar (see



Swa committis your (ll) to god. ffrom Donybirsill the xxii of this instant<sup>1</sup> 1586.—Your vary assurit frend at all poware,

Murray.

To my verry guid lord my lord of barbara.

Letter from ALEXANDER M'KIE in Whitehills to his Father-in-law, the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably 1586.

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun and seruice, and your L be remembrith, your honour promesit me at your departour to haif maid sum wark with the maister Wchiltrie<sup>2</sup> and his mother twyching the quhythillis;<sup>3</sup> and now, my lord, I am aduertesit that your (l) is laborand to get the haille land in few to the lard of garleis. nevir the les I will nocht beleif at<sup>4</sup> your (L) will forget your ant<sup>5</sup> and hir barnis, quhilk man serue your heiris efter I am gane. thairfoir my Lord do for hir and thame as your (L) visdome thinkis guid, for scho hes nane onder god to repois hir apon exsep your (L). ye knaw efter quhat forme hir fathir left hir to your (L), quhilk I am suir ye will nocht forget. farthar I pray your (L), In respek my remissioun wanttis bot the passing of the seillis, at<sup>4</sup> your (L) waid trawell with the pryor of blanter,<sup>6</sup> and get it exsped, and bring it hame with your (L); and quhat euer your (L) promeses for the passing of it I sall se it dischargit within aucht nychtis eftir your (L) cumming hame, and I brouk lyif,<sup>7</sup> and this I man ernstlie request your (L), as ye waid wyn your antis<sup>5</sup> benysoun, and my hartlie seruice to you and your houss. nocht hawing furthar at the Instant, bot committis your (L) to god, and commend my hartlie seruice to your sone Jhone. be youris serwand and frynd to my wttir pouer,

Alex<sup>r</sup> m<sup>e</sup>ke in quhychthillis.

To the rycht honorable, and father-in-law,  
my Lord of barnbarouch this be delyuerit.

<sup>1</sup> Probably December, but not later than March 1586-7.

<sup>2</sup> Ochiltree.

<sup>3</sup> Whitehills.

<sup>4</sup> That.

<sup>5</sup> "Ant" is evidently used for *niece*.

<sup>6</sup> Blantyre, who was keeper of the Great Seal.

<sup>7</sup> If I enjoy life.

Letter from ALEXANDER M'KIE in Whitehills, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, probably 1586. [Holograph.]

My Lord and father, eftir my hartlie commendatioun and service, I pray your L to haif me in memorie, and exspeid my remissioun or your L cum hame, and as to ony thing your L varis<sup>1</sup> on it I sall maik it out and I bruik lyif<sup>2</sup> as your L will derek. I haif na mair to trwbill your L with, bot quhat I or myne is abill to do of seruice to your L or youris it salbe done to the wttermast of my power without exseptioun of ony man; thairfoir, seing I haif nane to lene to bot your L, lat me se your fauorabill wark in this apon my avin expensis. farder, your L sall wit the maister wchiltrie intendis to put me fra my kyndlie roum, and is playand kyng harst in this feild; thairfor I pray your L get my taik fra his mothir, for I can get na rycht rewle<sup>3</sup> of him, bot planle uies<sup>4</sup> to schut<sup>5</sup> me fra my roum, and thair is nane in this feild at will fynd falt with him in doing me wrang, exsep it be your L. your L kennis what I mein, thairfoir for goddis cause be at poynt vith hir or your L cum hame. nocht ellis, bot god presarue your L in keiping. be your sarvand at power,

Alex<sup>r</sup> M'ke in quhythills.<sup>6</sup>

To my lord and father Sir partrik waus  
of Barnebarouche knyecht.

I pray your L for to remember me and in remembering thair-  
of your L salbe assurit of ane trew sarvand to your hous.

[The outer sheet with the address is missing.]

This is endorsed in Sir John Waus's writing—Ane messiff  
off Sandei m'keis to my father.

<sup>1</sup> Spends.

<sup>2</sup> If I enjoy life, *i.e.*, live.

<sup>3</sup> Rule.

<sup>4</sup> Vies, *i.e.*, tries.

<sup>5</sup> Shoot, push. It is used in this sense by Sir James Melville in 1590.

<sup>6</sup> This letter and the previous one are not dated, but Barnbarroch was knighted about 1583; so the remission to which both refer was after that date. M'Kie was ordered to pay £1000 for his brother, under pain of horning, on 30th April 1585.—See *Reg. Privy Coun.* The date thus may be 1586.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d December 1586.

My Lord, eftir my verie hartelie commendationis, it will pleiss yow vnderstand that I haue delyuerit to your servand David kennatye thrie hundreth mark to gif yow for the few of stinock, quhilk silvir it will pleiss you rasaif frae him; and as to the maiking of my securatie of Landis, I refer that to your self; as to the few maillis, I think thai ar specialie contenit in my Lord of murrayis infestment, lyk as thai ar contenit in my gutschouris<sup>1</sup> Laist nynten yeir taik: to wit sax lib of mail. I refer the doing of all thir thingis to your self. fforther I ame informit that ye haue the Landis of craichdow, and balsmithe, and the Lytill Aryis, as weill as the reist; and, gif suae bie that ye haue thae Landis, I wald ye suild nae wae gif thame to onye of the flemingis, bot keip thame to your self, and maik me pertinair with yow; and gif the flemingis findis ony falt with yow, ye may laye the weit<sup>2</sup> vpoun me, and I sall taik the burding of it vpone me; and this I will affecteuslie desyre yow to do, for seing the Landis at ane compt it is gud to taik tyme, and nocht to cair for thair gudwill that hes ado with it; and as ye get thame, as I haue afoir said, I douit nocht bot ye wilbie the gudfallowe to me, and gif me pairt. ye will do heirin as your wisdome thinkis gud. farther I persaif that Jamme crychtoune<sup>3</sup> hes gottin ane new command of sum of your servandis to summond Daregill<sup>4</sup> of newe agane, quhilk I beleif ye will nocht allowe, for your honour salbie bettir satefiet at hame for ony offence he has done yow nor in ed<sup>r</sup>. quhairfoir I will request yow now, as I haue done befoir, to lait the mater rest to your hamecuming, quhilk I think salbie in marche, and thane hie sall ather satisfe yow as reasone and honour wald, vtherwayis I sall leif him of. I haue stayit Jamme crychtoune to put the letteris to executioun quhill I get your ansuer baik agane, douting nathing bot ye will agrie to this my request, as I salbie

<sup>1</sup> Goodsire's.

<sup>3</sup> A messenger-at-arms.

<sup>2</sup> Wyte, blame.

<sup>4</sup> Now Dalreagle.

redye to do the lyk to yow quhene it sall pleiss yow charge. Ye ar verie sueir in wretin of newis, quhilk I will desyir yow to mend ; suae, eftir my hartelie commendationis to the ladye your bedfallow, I commit yow to god. At glestone<sup>1</sup> the xxij daye of december 1586.—Your assurit freind at my power,

Garleis.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and my speciall freind  
the Laird of barnbarrache.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 1st January 1586-7.

My Lord, efter my hartelie commendationis, hauing occatioun bie the berar I thocht it gud to lait yow vnderstand of sik materis as I haue ado for the present, and at this tyme the speciall occation that I haue to do is consarning the landis of the grenanne, how I sall cum to thame, for I cain persais nae guid will of my Lord of mortone ; quhairfoir it will pleiss your (l) gif me your oppinion howe I sall cum to the Landis bie him. sumthing of your oppinion Jhone m'gowin schew me, quhilk I thocht werie gud, that wais to causs my emis<sup>2</sup> antone, robert, and william stewartis charge me to entir thame to thae landis, conforme to thair infestmentis gevin thame bie my umquhile gutschour ;<sup>3</sup> ye knawe that antone is depairtit, and his sone hes nather tutouris nor curatoris yeit ; and as to robert, I vnderstand hie will do nathing that may plesour me, bot as to Williame hie will do ony thing that I will requir him ; suae this is to bie finelie aduysit with, quhairfoir it will pleis your (l) aduyss with m<sup>r</sup> Jhone scharpe, and taik his oppinion heirin, and as ye and hie thinkis meit I sall follow outh your counsel and oppinion in to it, for this mater I lippin all hail to yow. this mater may nocht bie lang sleuthit,<sup>4</sup> for I vnderstand my Lord of mortone intends to warne me at witsondaye nixt, suae tyme main bie prevenit befor warning tyme cum. I haue nocht wretin to M<sup>r</sup> Jhone scharpe in this mater, becauiss I ame nocht sertane

<sup>1</sup> Glasserton.

<sup>2</sup> They were his uncles, younger sons of his grandfather.

<sup>3</sup> Goodsire.

<sup>4</sup> Delayed.

quhidir hie will taik in hand to do for me into it, or nocht, quhairfoir it will pleiss yow confer with him, and gif hie will taik in hand to do for me, I will seik him and nae vther. in the meintyme I wald that I wair chargit bie my father brether to entir thame in thaie landis, according to thair infestmentis; your wisdome will considir thir thingis, and thaireftir gif your aduiss to the berar, archibald m<sup>r</sup> (muir). Remember quhat I wret to yow conserning the landis of quhitherne, that the flemmingis haiss. do heirin as ye think gud, and I sall taik my pairt of it, gif it bie your plesour suae to do. suae it will pleis yow aduerteiss me with the first that cumis in throw quhat ye will do heirin. I douit nocht bot ye will aduerteiss me of sik newis as occuris; suae, efter my hartelie commendationis to the Ladye your bedfallow, I commit your (l) to the protection of god. at gassertone the first daye of Jannuarii anno 1586.—  
Your l verie assurit friend at power, Garleis.

Ye main send ane command to sum of your servandis to causs the rest of your servandis be redye to ryid to the metin of the luftenant, or sik vther raidis as sall happin, for thai will nocht do onless ye command thame.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and my verie gude friend  
the Laird of barnbarrach.

Letter without signature to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
13th January 1586-7.

Pleis your lo I am informit be the guideman of dalsersst my guide freind (To quhome how greatlie I am addettit I neid not to wrete wnto yow), that the action betuixt James cuminghame<sup>1</sup> of Lasmahago and David collas Is now brocht to sic ane poynt, that In cais respect be not haid to guide conscience and the wprychtnes of the said action, the said dauid Is to obtaine his Intent, and sua my guide freind wtterlie be wraikit, quhilk Is greatelie to be Regraitit, haifing heirtofoir at all tymes sustenit great honestie. And becaus your guidewill and fauour may stand

<sup>1</sup> James Cunningham is called pensioner of Lesmahagow.



him (as it hes in tymes bygane) in greate stead, I will requiest yow to do to him (now being wnhable to trawell to solist for him selff) no wtherwyis nor gif the action wer my awin, As ye sall haue me ready to do yow the lyk, or greatter, pleasor as occasion sall serue. This, efter my hartlie commendatioun, committis yow to god. frome Paslay the xiii of Ja<sup>n</sup> 1586.—Your lo guide freind at power.

[Signature torn off.]

To the rycht hono<sup>u</sup> my verray gude lord  
Ser patrik Vauss of barnebarrow knyght  
Lord of our souerane lordis Sessioun.

Letter from the MASTER OF ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 28th January 1586-7. [Holograph.]

ffather, efter my verie hertlie commendatiounis, I can wryte no forder to yowr L nor this berar can schaw your l be toung.<sup>1</sup> Bot of ane thing I pray your L, that he be payt of the sowme I wraitt befor, ffor sen his last cuming heir he hes done me als grit plesoure as ony man can do to ane uther, as ye will confes your selff quhen ye understand it. with my commendationis to your L bedfallow, my lord cassillis, and your beirnes. ffrome birsay the xxviii of Januar 1586.—Your L Sone,

M<sup>r</sup> of orknay.

To my weile belouit father the lard of Barbarroche, &c.

[This letter is from Patrick, now by the death of his elder brother Henry become Master of Orkney. It seems to show that he had been living in Sir Patrick's family, and that his cousin, the Earl of Cassillis, who had been specially entrusted to Sir Patrick by the king, was still doing so.]

[The following narrative throws light on many of the letters of the next two years:—Mr Peter Young of Seton was one of those to whom the education of King James VI. was entrusted. At the commencement of Morton's

<sup>1</sup> Tongue.

regency in the "Band for the kingis suirtie," dated 27th January 1572-3, it is provided "that the instructioun and educatioun of his Majestie in literature and religioun, under Maisteris George Buchannane and Petir Young his present pedagogis, or sic as salbe heireftir appointit be the said Lord Regent to that charge, aggreing in religioun with the saidis Maisteris George and Petir, sall in na wayis be alterit or innovat."<sup>1</sup> The king at this time was between six and seven years old. On the 3d May 1578, after Morton's resignation of the regency, the same provision as to Maisteris G. Buchanan and Petir Young was re-enacted in the "Ordour for the keping of the King."<sup>2</sup> Before this, on 15th December 1575, these two "preceptouris to the Kingis majestie," with five schoolmasters from five of the principal towns, were summoned to Holyrood House, "to gif thair advise anent that forme of grammer that salbe techit in all the scuillis within this realme in tyme cuming."<sup>3</sup> Mr Young was "Elemosinar to his Hienes,"<sup>4</sup> a commissioner for the reformation of the Universities,<sup>5</sup> and, having been with the king almost from his infancy, was much in his confidence. In June 1585,<sup>6</sup> ambassadors from the King of Denmark had arrived in Scotland to assert their sovereign's claim to the Orkney Isles, and to sound the Scottish Court as to a marriage of one of the king's daughters with James VI., who was then in his twentieth year. They were dismissed in August with a polite answer, and the assurance that the king should send an ambassador of his own "with the first commoditie," to treat of both subjects.<sup>7</sup> "Whereupon" (to quote Sir James Melville's Memoirs) "His Majesty took occasion shortly to send one to Denmark." "I named Mr Peter Young, almoner, as very fit for that errand: who was sent to Denmark, to thank that king, and to see his daughters, that he might make a report again of his liking of them, with a promise that ere long His Majesty would send a more honourable ambassage."<sup>8</sup> "Shortly

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Privy Coun., vol. ii., p. 181.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 478.

<sup>3</sup> Acts of Parliament, vol. iii., p. 98.

<sup>7</sup> Hist. James VI., p. 211.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 689.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. iii., p. 136.

<sup>6</sup> Moysie's Mem., p. 53.

<sup>8</sup> Melville's Mem., p. 167.

afterwards Colonel Stuart took occasion to go thither about his own affairs, and "they both returned with so good and friendly answers, that there was little more mention made of the restitution of the Isles of Orkney. The King of Denmark was also put in hope by them that His Majesty would send the next summer an honourable ambassage to Denmark to deal further in these matters."<sup>1</sup> It was on the 20th July 1586 that Mr Young embarked on this errand,<sup>2</sup> and he returned in the autumn of that year. During 1586 no formal embassy was sent: the plague was raging in Scotland; the summer and autumn of the previous year had been very wet and cold, and there was great scarcity and dearth, so much so that it is recorded that many persons died of hunger.<sup>3</sup> At the end of March 1586-7 the king had appointed a convention to be held in April, which was put off till the 10th May, when he "maid ane harrang to his nobilletie and estaites, declairing, . . . thridlie It was thoecht guid that ambassadouris sould be sent to Denmark: the laird of Barnbarro and Mr Peter Young, preceptour to the King, wer chosen equall in commissioun, to visit the King of Denmarkis dochter, to brek the maiter, and thereafter repoint to his hienes and estaites," and that thereafter some noblemen should be sent to treat of the marriage.<sup>4</sup> It is evident, however, from the following letters, that the subject had not only been discussed by Barnbarroch and the almoner, but had been settled by the king and his ministers long before the convention was called, for the arrestment of all ships till the ambassadors had secured one, was dated on the 17th of March 1586-7. It is to be noted that in this document Sir Patrick is for the first time styled Baron of the Barony of Mochrum Loch, and lord of our secret council. After long delays they sailed on the 31st May 1587; and an account of their voyage and reception at the Court of Denmark, will be found in the fragment of Sir Patrick's journal. They had hardly set sail when "Mons. Dubardus," an ambassador from France, arrived, and was soon in great favour with the king; and he had a commission to break off (if he could) the

<sup>1</sup> Melville's Mem., p. 171.

<sup>2</sup> Acta Parl. James VI., 1592, cap. 49.

<sup>3</sup> Hist. James VI., p. 216.

<sup>4</sup> Moysie's Mem., pp. 61-63.

negotiations with Denmark, and bring about a marriage with the sister of the "King of Navarre."<sup>1</sup> Queen Elizabeth also favoured this alliance, but her ambassadors were instructed to have the king's marriage deferred for three years.<sup>2</sup> Barnbarroch and his colleague returned to Scotland in August 1587, having done little, and not having had powers to settle anything definite; and very soon after they had left his Court, the King of Denmark promised his eldest daughter in marriage to the Duke of Brunswick.<sup>3</sup> It was intended that another embassy, with fuller powers, should be sent to Denmark early in the following year, and there is a letter from the chancellor (Thirlestane), the address of which is missing, but presumably to Sir Patrick Waus, dated 24th April 1588 from Jedburgh, where the king then was, desiring him to make provision of silver (*i.e.*, money), and to deal for a ship, that he may be ready for his voyage. Mr Young's letter of 19th June shows that the money had been otherwise spent, and no preparations made; but in the meantime the king had sent Lord Tongland, Sir James Melville's brother, to France to see the princess of Navarre, "who became well acquainted with the said princess, and was well treated and rewarded by the king her brother, now King of France, and brought with him the picture of the princess, with a good report of her rare qualities."<sup>4</sup> In the month of August, according to Moysie, Crounar (or Colonel) "Stueuart," who had been several times in Denmark, was sent thither "to sie quhat the king mycht luik for tuitching the marriadge," and "Vpone the xv day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1588 the said coronall Steuart arryuit at Scotland from Denmark, declairing that his Majestie sould find all theare at his pleasoure notwithstanding the death of the King of Denmark;" and that the second daughter of the late king would be given on condition that a suitable embassy should be sent there the next year (1589) before the first of May.<sup>5</sup> It was not, however, till the last day of a convention, which began its sittings on the 20th May, that it was decided to send the embassy, consisting of the Earl Marischal, Lord Dingwall, the

<sup>1</sup> Melville's Mem., p. 176.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 178, 179.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 177.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Moysie's Mem., p. 70.



Constable of Dundee, and Mr John Skene, advocate;<sup>1</sup> and it was the 18th of June before they sailed on their mission.<sup>2</sup>

[The marriage took place by proxy in the month of August,<sup>3</sup> and it was intended that the queen should immediately come to Scotland.<sup>4</sup> On the 28th August, Colonel Stewart arrived with the intelligence that "the marriadge wes solemnizat betuix his Majestie and the Queen befor his away comming;"<sup>5</sup> and on the 30th the king issued circulars, of which some are here printed, intimating that the queen was hourly expected, and giving directions for her reception. He was, however, disappointed; neither the queen, nor any news of her, arrived for six weeks, and the weather was very tempestuous. Sir James Melville says "His Majesty had heard they were upon the sea, and was very impatient and sorrowful for her long delay," and "that he could neither sleep nor rest."<sup>6</sup> At last, about the 15th September, Lord Dingwall, who was one of the embassy, arrived in Scotland with the news that he had come in company with the queen's fleet three hundred miles, and was separated from them by a great storm, and it was feared that the queen was in danger on the seas.<sup>7</sup> This anxiety was not relieved till the 10th October, when a ship arrived with messengers from the queen<sup>8</sup> to say that she was safe in Norway, but that the Danish fleet was no longer seaworthy, and had returned to Elsinore, and that she would remain at Upslo until a Scottish fleet came for her. Upon this the king immediately went to lodge at Leith, where he had five ships fitted out with all possible speed, and they were ready on the 19th, and should have sailed, but were storm-stayed till the 22d, when the king himself set sail to meet and claim his bride.<sup>9</sup>

[He took with him a considerable number of his Court, and amongst them the Laird of Barnbarroch.<sup>10</sup> After a rough voyage they landed at "Flaikray" in Norway on 28th October, and

<sup>1</sup> Moysie's Mem., p. 77.

<sup>3</sup> Hist. James VI., p. 240.

<sup>5</sup> Moysie's Mem., p. 78.

<sup>7</sup> Moysie's Mem., p. 79.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>2</sup> Calderwood, p. 244.

<sup>4</sup> Melville's Mem., p. 180.

<sup>6</sup> Melville's Mem., p. 180.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>10</sup> Calderwood, p. 244.



after some delay, explained by "great travell baith upone sea and land," they reached Upslo on the 19th of November.<sup>1</sup> The king, "immediately at his comming, past quyetlie, with buites and all, to hir hienes. His Majestie myndit to give the Queine a kisse efter the Scottis faschioun at meiting, quhilk scho refusit as not being the forme of hir countrie. Marie! efter a few wordis prively spokin betuix his Majestie and hir, thair past familiaretie and kisses."<sup>1</sup> Upon the 23d of November their marriage was celebrated at Upslo, Mr David Lindsay, minister at Leith, officiating,<sup>1</sup> and the king, having decided not to come home till the spring, sent away his ships and nearly all his followers.<sup>2</sup> "The queen and council of Denmark, being advertised that his majesty was resolved to abide all that winter, sent and requested him to come to Denmark,—whither he went by land with the queen, his new bride, and behaved himself honourably and liberally by the way, and at the Court of Denmark, where he tarried during his abode there."<sup>3</sup> The Lord Dingwall and the Laird of Barnbarroch are stated by Moysie to have arrived at Leith on the 15th December,<sup>4</sup> and the latter during the spring received several letters from friends who had remained with the king. At the end of March the Scottish fleet was sent to bring their majesties home,<sup>5</sup> and they arrived at Leith on the 1st of May, and were received with great joy and much festivity by the nobility of the kingdom, and the citizens of Edinburgh and Leith.<sup>6</sup>

Letter from Mr PETER YOUNG to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
22d February 1586-7. [Holograph.]

My Lord, I haue obtenit leif of his Majestie to ga hame for sum few dayis. At my leif taking I haue recommendit to his hienes the purpos your Lordship knawis, and hes schawin that primum ver is euen at hand, and that we haue worne threid

<sup>1</sup> Moysie's Mem., pp. 80, 81. Calderwood makes the date of the marriage the 24th.

<sup>2</sup> Moysie's Mem., p. 81.

<sup>4</sup> Moysie's Mem., p. 81.

<sup>3</sup> Melville's Mem., p. 181.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 82.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 83.

bair all excuses ellis; that, quhither alliance be mariage be meinit or not, Ambassadouris man be send for the mater of Orknay, gif thair war na mair, onless his Majestie wald inrin the reproche of breking of promiseis to ane prince and natioun that makis mekill of plaine dealing. I haue said quhat I can, and hes promisesit to be reddy how sune his Majestie pleisis to command me to cum to help to informe sic as salbe send. I pray your Lordship to ga doune and hald his hienes in remembrance. Allace that sa gud ane purpos hes sa few freindis, and that his Majestie hes sa litill caire of himself. My Lord Coronnel<sup>1</sup> will remember for his part, bot he is boune ouer the watter. I spak my Lord Chancellor,<sup>2</sup> and hes rememberit his Lordship asueil of the kingis g(race) promiseis be his last wrettis, as of his Lordshipis awin. Hald materis in frame quhill my bakecuming, and I sall relief your Lordship again the best I may. The Lord graunt our deir maister and king to happin apoun the worthiest princess that is in the warld for his half marrow. God bliss your Lordship, and send mony sic seruantis to his Majestie. From the Quenis ferry the xxij of februarie at xj houris at nicht. —Your Lordshipis awin man, P. Young.

As for my small particularis, gif your Lordship may help thame, do it; Gif not, I sall beir it the best that I may, and salbe neuer the less reddy for ane gud turne to his Majestie, or the common veil, according to my mein pouar.

To the richt hon<sup>l</sup> and my very  
gud Lord My Lord of Barnbarrache.

Letter from LADY BARNBARROCH to her HUSBAND,  
5th March 1586-7. [Holograph.]

Most speciall, efter meist hartle commendatioun, forsamekill ye sall resaif fre this berar, m'knakill, tua hunder merkis, and I assuer yow that Jhone Kennady heiss bene alsse<sup>3</sup> in

<sup>1</sup> Colonel Stewart.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Maitland of Thirlestane succeeded James Stewart, Earl of Arran, as Chancellor in the following July.

<sup>3</sup> Lazy.

ingetting of silver as he culd be, and heiss send out with m<sup>e</sup>kedy ane hundreth merkis. and furdar ye sall resaif ane memorandum of Jhone stewarttis to gar reis lettres to him. I pray yow feill nocht bot ye causs sande vauss gange to the pevderriss<sup>1</sup> vith ij quart stoppis<sup>2</sup> that da<sup>3</sup> ma be cassin, and send hame with the taggaris;<sup>4</sup> and seiklyke feill nocht bot ye gar send hame the hard fyche vith the toll man, for I assuir yow ye vilbe bot begyllit with petie stratoun; and geif ye haif nocht coft faggis and ressyngis<sup>5</sup> ye sall lat thame alon, for I vill furneiss my self at hame vith thame that ye haif send hame; and seiklyke I pray yow that ye gar sande wauss get half ane galloun of vennagor, and send hame with the taggaris, and luik (th)at it be fyne; and, geif ye may, I pray yow to remember vpon M<sup>r</sup> rogger gordoniss besenes, for he heis send silver with m<sup>r</sup> kedy to do his besseness vith. nocht haifand furdur occation at this present, bot committis yow in to the protectioun of god.

frome barnbarothe the v dy of merche.—Be youris assurrit as knavis god vnto the end, Dame Kathrein Kennady.

To my most speciall eme me lord of barnebarroche.

Letter from LORD JOHN HAMILTON to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 8th March 1586-7.

Richt honorable, Efter my verie hartlie commendationis, It is menit hevilie to me be ane servand of myne how his father peter polltart is hardlie and extraordinierlie handillit, being awating vpon ane action depending befor yow in session and past to Interloquitor; quhilk his party adversar, persaving to proceid with him hes vpon fals narrative causit put him be vertew of ane alledgit horning in the tolbuith, Intending thairby to put of this session, sua that he salbe hinderit. Thairfoir I man pray yow, seing ye ar the reporter, to schaw him sum part curtesie for my causs, that he may haif Justice with sic expedition as ye may of Law, considering the puir mannis necessitie and evill handilling, as I salbe reddy to do for yow in ane greter mater, and so I luke for your fauorable deling heirintill, and

<sup>1</sup> Pewterer.

<sup>2</sup> Stoups.

<sup>3</sup> They.

<sup>4</sup> Probably a proper name, Taggart or M<sup>r</sup> Taggart.

<sup>5</sup> Figs and raisins.

committis yow for the present to god. frome hamilton the viij day of marche 1586.—Your assurit guid freind at powar,

J. Hamilton.

To the rycht honorable the lard of barnbarroch  
ane of the senators of the colledge of Justice.

KING JAMES' ARRESTMENT of all SHIPS till the AMBASSADORS  
have secured such as they want, 17th March 1586-7.

James be the grace of god King of Scottis, To all and sindrie oure lieges and subdites quhome it effeiris, to quhais knowlege thir oure lettres sall cum greting. fforsameikill as we haue now directit oure trustie and wellbelouit counsallouris, Sr Patrik Vaus of Barnbarroch knycht, barroun of the baronie of Mochrum loch, lord of oure secreit counsall and sessioun, and maister Peter Young of Seytoun, our maister elemozinare, towarde oure derrest broder the king of Denmark for certan matteris concerning ws and oure estait, committit be ws vnto thame, And to the effect that, alsweill in thair passing toward the pairtis foirsaidis as returnyng thairfra, thai may be weill and sufficientlie provydit of schippis and veschellis necessare for transporting of thame and thair cumpanie, and to attend on thame at all ocasioness necessare, hes thairfoir with aduise of the Lordis of our secreit counsall gevin and grantit, and be the tenor heirof gevis, grantis, and committis to oure saidis counsallouris, oure full power and commissioun, expres bidding, and charge all and sindrie schippis and veschellis, pertenyng to quhatsumewer persones borne subiectis of oure realme, athir within or without the same, quhilkis best and maist convenientlie may serve for the transporting of thame, or ony thair companie, to and fra the saidis pairtis of Denmark, To arreist and caus the samyn be fensit and arresstit, the saillis to caus be tane fra the raais, and the maisteris, skipperis, awneris, and marineris thair of To command to remane and await vpoun thair directioun to the effect foirsaid at all ocasioness and tymes neidfull, The persones brekaris of the said arreistment, or disobeying thair commandment, To notifie to ws To the effect thai may be puneist as hinderaris of oure speciall seruice, and contemnaris thairby of

oure autoritie, with all rigor and extremitie. And generallie all and sindrie vthir thingis to do, and caus be done, and vsit, for thair better expeditioun in thair voyage is requyrit to be done; fferme and stabill halding, and for to hald, all and quhat-sumewir thingis oure saidis counsallouris sall lauchfullie do and vse heirin; Chargeing, and expreslie commanding heirfoir, yow all and sindrie oure lieges and subdites foirsaidis to concur, fortifie, and assist to thame in executioun and foirtherance of the premissis, and to do nor attempt na thing to thair hinderance in onywyis, As ye, and ilkane of yow, will ansuer to ws vpoun your obedience, and vnder all hiest pane, cryme, and offence, that ye may committ, and inrin, aganis oure maiestie in that behalf. Gevin vnder our signet, and subscriuit with our hand, At Creichtoun the Sevintene day of Marche, and of our regne the tuentie yeir. 1586, James R.

[Countersigned] Thirlestane.

King James Arrestment to serve S<sup>r</sup> Patt. Vaus in  
going to and from Denmark 1586.

Letter from Mr PETER YOUNG to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 18th March 1586-7.

My Lord, efter maist hertly commendatioun, I haue gottin the arrestment subscriuit, togidder with the vther lettre for staying of process, and hes delyuerit thame to my Lady your bedfallow, quha hes not bene ydle on hir part sen your Lordships departing. I haue obtenit ane vther lettre of arrestment to stay the schips heir, presently maid at his Majestijs awin instance but<sup>1</sup> ony mentioun of ws, quhilk salbe partly put in executioun this same day at Leyth, and thaireftir at Montros, and Dondy, St Androis, and langis all the coste syde, and for that same cause I am instantly to tak ouer Capten Arnot with me. I haue spokkin his Majestie at Creichtoun sen your departing, and hes his hienes promeis that na precept sall pass quhill we be first staikit.<sup>2</sup> My Lord Secretare<sup>3</sup> hes hecht<sup>4</sup> to

<sup>1</sup> Without.

<sup>2</sup> Accommodated.

<sup>3</sup> Sir J. Maitland, Lord Thirlestane.

<sup>4</sup> Promised.



hald his Majestie in remembrance, and to hald hand that we be not preuenit be ony. I am making hame till the first of the nixt, quhair I sall not be onmyndfull of our erand, for I feir my Lord Secretare sall forget, and Mr George<sup>1</sup> allsua. The Clerk Register is besy castin ouer all the register for sic thingis as I haue crauit of him. The skippar was at me again to see gif we wald giue the 1800 merkis, I stude still at the 1000 merkis that your Lordship offrit him; This day we ar to speik farder; I sall not pass the 1200 quhill I see quhat schipping thair is in vther partis. Ye will remember that the gentilmen be cled in blak but<sup>2</sup> cullouris, for sa his Majestie spak vnto me, and my Lord Secretarie baith, sa that sall represente a grautie, and half ane duill.<sup>3</sup> The gret lang ruffis, and mekil belliis, wald be castin away. This I wret that the gentilmen may be warnit in dew tyme or<sup>4</sup> thay mak thair claiths vtherwayis, as I sall warne myne. I schew your Lordship that the last Abbot of Glenluce had promesit me Hegesippus in Greik, wrettin with hand, and Commentaria Caesaris Manuscripta sielyk—I wald pray your Lordship to inquire quha gat his bukis, that thir nicht be recouerit yit. War not thay war ald and euilfauorit Jhone Hume of Cumeragane had brocht thame to me; Your Lordship kennis the taile. Because I am pressit to depart for the tyde that is at hand, I will commit your Lordship to God, be quhais grace I traist to be in this toune again the first or secund of the nixt. From Halyrudhouse, this xvij of Mairche 1586.—Your Lordshipis at command for euer.

P. Young of Setoun.

To the richt Hon<sup>11</sup> and my very speciall gud

Lord My Lord of Barnbarrow Lord of his

Hienes preuie Counsall and Sessioun.

Letter signed "BROCHTOUN<sup>5</sup> YONGER" to LADY BARNBARROCH,  
April 1587.

My dame, efter maist hartly commendatioun of seruice, I

<sup>1</sup> Mr George Young, Archdeacon of St Andrews.

<sup>2</sup> Without.

<sup>3</sup> Mourning for the death of Mary Queen of Scots in the previous month.

<sup>4</sup> Before.

<sup>5</sup> He was her son-in-law, having married Sir Patrick's eldest daughter.

ressauit your (l) letter desyrand me to haif thre hundreth markis In reddyne to yow with diligence. your (l) sall wit I haue wseit all moynis possibill to get that siluer. as for the twa hundreth markis that my father suld geve, I ryd to gelstoun as he comandit, quha gaif me nathing bot ane defarrand anser; and for my awn hundreth markis, I beleueit your (l) wald nocht haue bene desyrous of it quhill nor witsondy; and quhen I raid to ed<sup>r</sup> last I tuik that hundreth markis to me lord. and In respect of archibald toulyeseir hard putting at my father me lord causit me geue xxx pundis away of the hundreth markis, and I haue my seruand daue ghe in kirkeubrycht waitand on to get siluer sen I com hame, and sa sone as he comys I sall haue it at your (l). fardar your (l) sall wit that the laird of gairles hes craweit me wary ernistly for my fatheris teyndis of brochtoun wall, and me lord promiseit to releue my father at his hand for this yeir for xii pund, and the laird of gairoles will haue na les of me nor fyfty thre ls, and me lord asurit me in ed<sup>r</sup> that he had greit<sup>1</sup> with gairles about tha teyndis, and gairoles sayis the contrair, and will haue the wtermost of me. this for the present committis your (l) to god, Be your (l), Brochtoun Yonger.

To the hono<sup>l</sup> and his speciall the Lady barnbarroch.

Letter from the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH to his WIFE,  
24th April 1587.

Maiste Special and derest vnder god, Eftyr all my commendationes, this Is to lat yow vndyrstand that as yit ve haif nocht resauit our dispeche, and the grytast parte of our care Is the vant of siluer, quhilk can not be haid. the toune of Edy<sup>t</sup> hais provydit and payit for our chipe<sup>2</sup> and the vittalyng thairof, for the quhilk ve suld allow ijm libs,<sup>3</sup> and as for the vther iij<sup>m</sup> libs It can nocht be haid, except the kingis majestie caus thomas achesone m<sup>r</sup> cunyeour<sup>4</sup> furneyss It, and geife sua be, I think it sall fall in my avyn hand, and he to grante hym to haife ressauit the samin fra me in name of me loyrde of murray,<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Agreed.

<sup>2</sup> Ship.

<sup>3</sup> Two thousand pounds.

<sup>4</sup> Master coiner.

<sup>5</sup> See Lord Murray's letter, 16th December 1586.

and sua I man furneyss It; thairfor I man pray you to be the mayr delygent that the siluer that Is to be gottyn at hame be gadderit in In your avyn hand to releife this dett. as for malcum flemyne, he Is not cumyn to me, and geife he be cumyn to yow, ressaue his siluer, or putt It In villame hovistonis hand quhill he ressaue his Infeytmente, quhilk salbe send to you vyth delygence vpon your aduertessmente. as for all vther besenes I can vreitt na farder nor I schow you befoyr your hame passyng, and minvit<sup>1</sup> I delyuerit to yow, quhairin ye will do as your visdom sall think guid. I pray god I may heir guid nevis of you and your byrthe, and alsua ye of our voiage, quhilk I hoipe in god salbegyne In the begynnyng of the nixt ovik,<sup>2</sup> as vynd and veddyr sall serve. as for nevis, the ks ma<sup>te</sup> past ovr the vattyr to the ladye burlye vpon fryday last eftyr viii hours at evyn, verray queatt, bot sex horss, and returnis nocht quhill vednisday nixt. me loyrde huntlye vas heyr, and he, and me loyrde of mar, ar past to the king, and as I belefe cumis bak heyr vyth the k ma<sup>te</sup>; at the leist he and mony of all the nobilite beis heyr the x of may at the conventionne, quhilk vill nocht fail to hald, and I hoip the k ma<sup>te</sup> sall do guid vill to aggre mony of the vareanzeis amangis the nobilite as he sall think best. ye vill aduerteiss me vpon sounday nixt or thairby, as your visdome sall think guid; on to the quhilk tyme, and to my farder aduertessmente, I remitt the rest. your sone, god be praysit, Is veill, and verray contentit quhair he Is. I vill send for hym vpon settyrday nixt, and hald hym vyth me for twa or thre dayss. Sua I committ you to god, and that ye vill commend me hartlie to the layrde of garleiss and all vther freinds as occasione servis. from edy<sup>t</sup> this xxiiij of aprill 1587.—Be your avyn as knavis god to his end,

Barnbarrache.

I haife maid my lattyr vill, and left It in my lettere,<sup>3</sup> and sall leif the key thairof vyth Mr Johne scharpe.

To my maist speciall and derrest Ante (or Ance)

The lady barnbarrache.

<sup>1</sup> Minute.

<sup>2</sup> Week.

<sup>3</sup> Letteron or lettrin, a writing-desk or secretaire.

And geif my sone barquhoony<sup>1</sup> vill com vit, he salbe als velleum as I can mak hym, and I sall furneyss hym as I promesit hym at my departyn.

Letter from LADY BARNBARROCH to her HUSBAND,  
25th April 1587.

Maist speciall, efter my maist hartle commendatioun, for sa meikill ye sall vit that the maist speciall causs that I stayit forge<sup>2</sup> sa lang vas for the getting of euery manis anser about the siluer, and now ye se your self quhat I am indid<sup>3</sup> sertane of bathe affeill and at hame. quhairfoir I vald pray yow, geif ye mycht spair it, that ye vald leif ane hunder pvnde, or twa hundereth merkis, behynd yow in adineburg, how euery man keipis promess; and geif ye may nocht spair it, speik to Mr Jhone scharpe for it, geif I haif neid and alss I pray yow that ye vill forme your avin acquhyttance, that me (I) of murray suld subscribe, and leif it behynd yow, quhair Thomas may get it at his out cummynge. And farder ye vill nocht feill bot at<sup>4</sup> ye vill get the thre hunder merkis fra malcome flemenge, and the thre hunder merkis fra brochtone, and the thre hunder merkis fra Jammiss m'colloch your self, and leif it in to my avin coffer in edy<sup>r</sup>, and geif the keye to mr Jhone scharpe, or vith his vyf, tyll thomas out cummynge. I pray yow at<sup>4</sup> ye vreit in to me quhow all tyngis<sup>5</sup> is proseidit sene my hame cumminge. I have sende na tynges afeill to yow bot the heid scheit<sup>6</sup> that suld be in the schepe<sup>7</sup> with yow, becauss ye forbaid me your self. I pray yow at<sup>4</sup> ye vill vreit to me hame of all tynges at<sup>4</sup> I haif vreten to yow on the vther syd. haifand na fardar occatioun to trubill yow at this present, bot I pray god at<sup>4</sup> your vage<sup>8</sup> may be schort and prospours, or ellis at<sup>4</sup> day<sup>9</sup> vill leif yow to cum hame; and god prosper yow in your jurne.

<sup>1</sup> Barwhanny. John, son of Hew Kennedy of Barwhanny, was his son-in-law.

<sup>2</sup> Fergus.

<sup>3</sup> Indeed.

<sup>4</sup> That.

<sup>5</sup> Things.

<sup>6</sup> Sheet.

<sup>7</sup> Ship.

<sup>8</sup> Voyage.

<sup>9</sup> They.

frome barnebarroche, the xxv day of apryll.—Be your assouerit as knowis god to the end,

Dame kathren kennedy lady of barenbarocht.

To my maist special ame and best belouit  
the lard of barnebarroche this be delyuerit.

[On the other leaf of the sheet of paper is written :—]

Memorandum—Item In the furst ye sall vit that tennendis of the quhyt hillis<sup>1</sup> is varnit ; And ye ar varnit your self als ; and quhiddir ye ar bund to sandie M<sup>c</sup>kee or nocht to obtene ane tak to him, or to geif to him the four hunder merks in keiss<sup>2</sup> at<sup>3</sup> ye obtene nocht the take, I am nocht sartane ; or quhat ye and sandie M<sup>c</sup>kee did conssernyng the take of the quhyt hillis the last tyme at<sup>3</sup> ye var heir in. I assouer yow the master of ovchiltre meniss nocht at<sup>3</sup> euer sandie sall haif ane take of that land ; and geif ye ken that, ye ar bund be vret to sandie m<sup>c</sup>kee. I feir that he styke to yow be vret, and causs yow to varrand the take to him, And sa I vald that ye vret formallie to me in vreit quhat ordour I sall tak with sandie m<sup>c</sup>kee ; quhyddir I sall offer to him the four hunder merkis, and ye to furness four hunder merkis thair out or nocht, for I ken at<sup>3</sup> he heiss<sup>4</sup> gret myster<sup>5</sup> at this present.

And fardar ye sall vit that the Lard of large heiss<sup>4</sup> varnit yow and thomas kennady bothe, as ye vill perseif be the varnyngis quhylk ye sall reseif ; and I assouer yow that I can nocht heir that day<sup>6</sup> ar myndit for to lat that land byd with yow and abeit<sup>7</sup> at<sup>3</sup> ye haife vretine hame to thome kennady that ye sall varrand him for his yeir, he heiss<sup>4</sup> nocht a sertantie be quhat vay ; quhairfoir I pray you to vreit to me quhat defence I sall vss aganiss thair varnyngis, And, geif thair be na defencis to be vsit, quhyder he may cut doune the tymmer that he heiss<sup>4</sup> plantit in to it, and to cast doone his huvsis<sup>8</sup> or nocht, becuss he heiss<sup>4</sup> varit<sup>9</sup> his geir vpoune it, for he may take out the best of the temmer and leif the huvsis<sup>8</sup> standane.

<sup>1</sup> Whitehills.

<sup>2</sup> Case.

<sup>3</sup> That.

<sup>4</sup> Has.

<sup>5</sup> Need.

<sup>6</sup> They.

<sup>7</sup> Albeit.

<sup>8</sup> Houses.

<sup>9</sup> Spent.



And fardar ye sall vit that the man at<sup>1</sup> suld tak the half of the lifke(r)ече is cum to me this nycht, and quhat I do vit him I can vreit na tynge to you quhyll at<sup>1</sup> he be aniss<sup>2</sup> thair, and se the ground. And fardar ye sall vit as consernyng barglass I cane haif nane to take the kroftis of it bot for vittallis, bot thame that is in to it that had thair kroftis for vittall afoir, bot I am laborand to se geif I can get ma.

And quhair ye geif to me our tykat that thome kennady suld geif to me tu or thre hunderethe merkis, I assouer yow all that he ma do vilbe bot tua hunder merkis, and that to be gottin fra sandie lyndesay, and thome reid, and seiike vther dethovrs<sup>3</sup> as ye haif gavin to me in vret, quha vill nocht pay to him and to me bethe.

And ane vther hunder merkis fra gilbert balye, and I assouer you it is all that he may bie abill to do at the day apvntit, and I assouer you he gatt vere evill payment of the folkis that is thairvpe, for it vas meikill to my self to gar the tua Mecommiss for to grant to my self xi lis of thre scoir at<sup>1</sup> thai vilbe avin to yow. And to yovnge m'karralle I cane fynde na tynge at<sup>1</sup> cane be had of him, and I am assourit that gylbert balye is nocht sa meikill to vyte<sup>4</sup> as ye vyit him. And alss ye sall vit that I haif spokin with villame houstoun, quha assoueris me at<sup>1</sup> he heiss<sup>5</sup> sene out his obligatioun to yow for fyve hunder merkis, and said to me at<sup>1</sup> how soune at<sup>1</sup> I geif to him his avin obligatioun at<sup>1</sup> he suld geif to me the thre hunder merkis quhairfoir ye vill nocht feill bot at<sup>1</sup> ye vill send to me his obligatioun.

And alss I haif spoken vith patrike blane of vyge,<sup>6</sup> quha assoueris me at he vill gat to me vithin a xv day thre hunderethe merkis.

And alss Robert lyndesay heiss<sup>5</sup> promesit to me fourtie merkis at the same day.

And Villame Dunbar heiss<sup>5</sup> promesit to me his thre hunder merkis.

I haif thryss<sup>7</sup> send vord to arsbald mvir, and I haif resauit

<sup>1</sup> That.<sup>2</sup> Once.<sup>3</sup> Debtors.<sup>4</sup> Wyte, blame.<sup>5</sup> Has.<sup>6</sup> Wigg.<sup>7</sup> Thrice.

na anser as yit; And this is all bot xii hunder merkis and fourtie that I cane fynd in this cuntre, and (if) I get nocht thome m<sup>c</sup>govinss syluer.

And thair is dair<sup>1</sup> out with yow at<sup>2</sup> ye suld get fre<sup>3</sup> makome fleminge thre hunder merkis, and fre<sup>3</sup> brochtone thre hunder merkis, and fre<sup>3</sup> Jamiss m<sup>c</sup>colloche thre hunder merkis, at<sup>2</sup> ye haif gevin to me vpe in covirtt.<sup>4</sup> And ye man tak ordour vith all thir your self, for I culd get nane of thame to speik vith, for da<sup>5</sup> say at<sup>2</sup> day<sup>5</sup> ar all gene out to edy<sup>r</sup> to your self. I haif my bruderis promiss of thre hunder merkis in keis<sup>6</sup> ve vant.

And fardar ye sall vit that I haif resaut arsbald m<sup>v</sup>iriss syluer; and is to Jhone m<sup>c</sup>govniss syluer I luik na vayiss for it, for I beithe vret and sen to him, and I haif resevit na anser.

And fardar ye vill nocht feill bot at<sup>2</sup> ye vill geif sum klaiss<sup>7</sup> to forge,<sup>8</sup> geif ye tak him vith yow, or ellis sen him bake agane to me.

And fardar ye sall vit that arsbald kennedy of the senninness<sup>9</sup> vill nocht put of his rycht.

[The draft of a letter to Gilbert Bailye without date, which follows, shows that at this time, or some other, Sir Patrick did blame him severely.]

#### Draft of Letter by the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Gilbert Bailye, I commend me to yow. forsameklie as I mairweall that ye payit nocht the tutour of knokdow the siluer I gef yow my tekkat of, the quhilk I supposit had bene payit langsyne; thairfor ye sall nocht feill to pay the same with delygance, or thane I haf geifin him command to pownd yow for the same, becauss I weill nocht be reprevit for my dett. and als causs Waltier coltart to pay him the oxe hair, or to pound him lykwayis,

Barnbarrache.

<sup>1</sup> Thair, there.

<sup>2</sup> That.

<sup>3</sup> Fra, from.

<sup>4</sup> Court.

<sup>5</sup> They.

<sup>6</sup> Case.

<sup>7</sup> Clothes.

<sup>8</sup> Fergus.

<sup>9</sup> Sinniness.

Deed of Gift by KING JAMES VI. to JOHN WAUS, eldest son of Sir PATRICK WAUS of Barnbarroch, of his own Marriage, on account of his Father's services and expenses in going as Ambassador to Denmark, 28th April 1587.

James, Be the grace of god king of Scottis, To all and sindrie oure lieges and subdittis, whome it efferis, Quhais knowlege thir oure lettres salcum, greiting. Wit ye ws, Having consideration that we ar to direct our weilbelouit counsallour Ser Patrik Vaus of barnebarrocht, knycht, Ane of the Lordis of oure counsall and sessioun, To oure broder the king of Denmark for certane materis concernyng ws and oure estait, gevin and committit to him in credite; And vnderstanding the said Ser Patrik In his Jornay, and executioun of his commissioun, wilbe put to grit expenssis, and sumpteeus chargeis, for the honour of ws and our estait, Thairfore To haue geven and grantit, and be thir oure lettres gevis and grantis, To our louit Johnne vaus, sonne and apperand air to our said counsallour, His awin mariage, with all profittis and commoditeis of the samin, quhensoevir the said mariage sall fall and pertene to ws be deceis of the said Ser Patrik, Or be quhatsumevir vther ressoun and caus the samin salhappin to pertene to ws; To be haldin, and to be had, The mariage aboue specifeit, and profittis thairof, To the said Johnne Vaus With all and sindrie commoditeis, fredomes, profittis, and richteous pertinentis quhatumevir, pertenyng, or that richteouslie may pertene, thairto: With power To the said Johnne to marie quhair and quhat tyme he pleissis, And to vse and dispone vpoun his mariage, and profittis thairof, as he sall think expedient. Attour We will and grantis, and for ws and our successouris decernis and declaris, that this our present gift and dispositioun of the said mariage salbe als valiabill and effectuell to the said Johnne In all respectis as gif the samin mariage wer now fallin in our handis and at our gift, Notwithstanding quhatsumevir our actis of parliament, lawis ciuile or municipall, practikis consuetudis, decisionis, or vtheris quhatsumevir, maid, or to be maid, in the contrair; Anent the quhilkis

We dispens and makis speciall dirogatioun thairto be thir our lettres ; And forder faithfullie promittis In the inviolabill word of a prince nevir to gif, nor dispone, the said mariage, quhen the samin salhappin to fall in our handis, to ony vther persoun, or personis. Quhairfore We charge straitlie, and commandis, yow all and sindrie our liegis and subdittis foirsaidis, That none of yow tak vpoun hand to mak ony lat, stop, or distrublanche, To the said Johnne Vaus In the peceabill vsing, and disponyng vpoun, the said mariage and profitis thair of, Efter the forme and tennour of thir our lettres, Under all hieast pane and charge that efter may follow. Gevin vnder oure privie seill, At haly-ruidhous, the twentie aucht day of Aprile, The yeir of god 1m v<sup>e</sup> fourescoir sevin yeiris, And of our Rignne the twentie yeir.

Per signaturam Manu S. D. N. Regis Subscriptam.

M. Joannis Vaus. (The privy seal affixed.)

Letter from LORD OGILVY<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
30th April 1587.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie and luiffing commendationis, vpon the hamlienes of our auld acquytance I haiff tane purpoe as to put your (lo) to cherge, as ye sall find me reddie to do yow sik plesour as lyes in my powar. To wit, heiring that your (lo) is to be imployit be his matie to be send to denmark in imbassatie, thair is ane seruand of myn, callit ro<sup>t</sup> bruce, quha hes bene with me in that cuntrayis thir twa yeiris bypast, quha can serve weill, and is bayth honest and trew, and can do your (lo) turnes in thai pairtis als weill as ony scottis man. In respect he is presentlie myndit to pas thair, That your (lo) vauld lat him pas in your cumpanye to await on yow in that jornay. I dout nocht at your returning, (quhilk I pray god be happie and veill,) your (lo) sall gif me thankis for wischeing you sa skeylfull ane servand to this jornay ; And this to your (lo) awin discretioun and kyndes, referand the rest. god preserve yow. ffrome feither the last day off Aprill, 1587.

<sup>1</sup> This is from James, sixth Lord Ogilvy. He was himself sent afterwards (in 1596) as ambassador to Denmark, to represent James VI, at the coronation of King Christian IV. —*Doug. Peerage.*

I luik for your (lo) anser with the berar, that my servand be  
nocht disapoyntit.—Your (lo) rycht luiffing freind and broder in  
all pouar,

J. L. ogilvy.

To my lord and assurit gud frend  
my lord of barnbarro<sup>a</sup>.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY, Provost of Maybole, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 4th May 1587.

My Lord, eftir my maist hartlie commendatioun with seruice,  
It will pleis youre (L) to wit that I haue resaut your (l)  
wrytting thes wodnisday at ny(cht) fourt of this instant, be the  
quhilk I perseif that youre L is myndit to d(e)part out of thes  
realme the sevint or aucht of Maij, And willis me to be at your  
(l) with expeditioun, that I may be in radines to pass with your  
(l). your L sall wnderstand that I can nocht be in radines sa  
soun as your (L) hes writtin, bot god willing I salbe at your L  
the twelf day of thes monathe, gif youre (L) remains wnto that  
tyme. your (l) sall wit that I was adverteisit that your l was  
stayit of youre weyage, wthervayis I wald haue bene at youre  
(L) or now, and lykwys my maister, the tutor,<sup>1</sup> hes bene ane  
grit impediment to me, quhilk I sall lat youre (L) knaw at  
meitting. nocht doubting bot youre (L) wilbe ane furtherar of  
my recumpence, haifand na farther occasioun at thes present,  
bot referris the rest to meitting, quhilk I hoip in god salbe  
schortlie. Sua committis your (L) to god. At Mayboill the iiij  
of maij, Be youris assurit at command with service,

Johne Kennedy, provist of maybole.

To my werray speciall and gude lord  
my Lord of Barnbarroch.

Letter from the LAIRD OF BARGANY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 6th May 1587.

My Lord, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun, your (L)  
sall wit I haif sene ane letter of your (L) daretet to my cousing

<sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Kennedy, tutor of Cassillis.



the Laird of Stair, desyring hym to mak hym Rady to accompany your (l) in this Juornay quhilk ye haif in hand to Denmark. as to the young gentil man, I fynd hym weill affectit to go with your (l) to do you syk plessor and service as he can. And becauss the gentill man is young, I will desyre youre (l) effectuouslie bayth for my saik, as alsua for the neirnes of bluid he is to your (l) wyff,<sup>1</sup> that ye will gyf hym your guid counsell that he exceid nocht the boundis of honnestie, bot with modestie behaif hymself as be cumit hym to do; quhome I haif ordanit to use your (l) counsell and command as gif I war thair my self; and gif your (l) gratefeis ony in your cumpany, I dout nocht bot your (l) will Remember hym in his awin Rank. This mekill I thocht guid to wrytt to your (l), becauss the gentill man is sa neir to me as he is, and wald wiss hym to do weill; and I hoip your (l) sall nocht do the war for my Raqueist, as I sallbe Rady to do ffor ony of your (l) quhen ye sall pleiss to Imploy me. Sua I will nocht fasche your (l) with langer letter at the present, Bot I pray god gif your (l) ane happy and prosperus Jurnay, and guid succes of your Bessenies ye haif in hand. Comitting your (l) to the protectioun of the almychtye god. wryttin ffrome Bargany, the saxt Day of May.—Your (l) assuirit guid ffreind at my pouar,

Bargany.

To his speciall guid Lord  
my Lord off Barnbarrocht.

Letter from LADY BARNBARROCH to her HUSBAND,

9th May 1587.

Jesus.

Maist speciall and darrest, efter my maist hartly commendatiounis, forsamiklle as ye sall wit that I luikit not for James

<sup>1</sup> James Dalrymple of Stair married Isabel, daughter of James Kennedy of Bargany, and died in 1586.—*Doug. Peerage*. Thomas Kennedy of Bargany had a brother James, who was witness to a bond in 1573, who may have been the grandfather of John Dalrymple, the young Laird of Stair, in whose favour this letter was written. Sir Patrick's second wife was Bargany's niece, and first cousin to Stair's mother.

M'Cullochis departing this tue or thre dayis, at quhait tyme I think I suld haif gottin a twell hundreth merkis, quharof James him self thre hundreth, to haif send out; quharfor I pray yow fail not to rasaif this thre hundreth your self fra him, and laif it with the thre hundreth merkis that ye delyverit to Sir Jo<sup>n</sup> Simson his wyif, and that will compleit betuix hir and me aliwin<sup>1</sup> hundreth merkis alrady thare, and the thre hundreth merkis that me Lord of Doune<sup>2</sup> hes ellis, quhilk will compleit fourteine hundreth merkis, ye gettane James M'Cullochis silwir fra him presently; and sua I pray yow that ye send us to laif ane hundreth merkis with it, quhilk will compleit ane thousand libs thare, and god willing I sall ceip<sup>3</sup> your day with me lord of murray, or thre or four dayis thairefter, quhilk salbe four dayis before Witsonday, with the uthir thousand lib, quhilk compleitis the haill soume, viz thre thousand merkis,<sup>4</sup> quharof I am to rasaif of the first silwir bot nyne hundreth merkis allenarlie, and the rest to be furneist be your factouris. I am informit that me brother Is past to edinburcht with greit dilligence, quho promiseit to haif lent me thre hundreth merkis, and sue I think he may len yow ane hundreth merkis to mak out the thousand poundis quhare ye ar. and as to Brochtunis thre hundreth merkis, ye sal rasaif his letter, quharin ye will persais his anser; and farther I luik not to rasaif ane penny fra him before the missummer fare.<sup>5</sup> I send to the guidwyif of tiroch dow<sup>6</sup> for hir hundreth merkis, quo assuris me scho aucht hir sone nathing, and sayid scho gef him that hundreth merkis quhilk wes in the first of the thre hundreth that ye haif rasauit all rady; ye will not fail to send hame ane attornay to tak sesing for it, for gif michael m'crecan had ony, quhome fra ye derecktid me to haif gottin the samen, I assure yow It is tint—ye will not fail to expeid this to the effeçk the sesing may be tane before witsonday, for the witsonday maillis; and farther I pray yow fail not to send me hame your exemptiounis,<sup>7</sup> for there is divers of

<sup>1</sup> Eleven.<sup>2</sup> Father of Lord Murray.<sup>3</sup> Keep.<sup>4</sup> The first instalment for lands of Whithorn due to Lord Murray at Whitsunday (see letter 16th December 1586).<sup>5</sup> Fair, or Journey.<sup>6</sup> ? Craichdow.<sup>7</sup> From taxation (see letter 30th April 1586).

the servandis that is persewit before the commisser, and in your absence may rasaif wrang, quharfor ye will not fail the same for sindre uthir occasiounis that I can not express at this present. I am not as yit delyverit, bot I will had forge<sup>1</sup> quhill Sondag or Mounday to se how I sall be, that I may mak yow resolute before your departure omitting all uthir occasiounis thairto, and comittis yow to god. of barnbarrach the 9<sup>th</sup> of may 1587.—Youris assurit as knawis god to the end,

Dame Kathran Kenedy, lady of barnbarocht.

To her maist speciall and darrest ayme the laird of barinbarroch.

Letter from LORD GARLEIS to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
19th May 1587.

My Lord, eftir my werie hartelie commendationis, forsemekill your L sall understand that your richie<sup>2</sup> hes, upone foursdye laist wes, at evin, eftir his drinkin, set uponne Jhone Yong,<sup>3</sup> Minister of Wigtone, and hes strikin him ane grait straik upone the heid with ane suord, that hie is in grait danger of his lyf; quhairfoir I wald ye suild find sum mene for him, ather to put him out of the cuntre, or ellis that the lawis may bie put in execution aganis him; for hie man bie ather ane waye or uther put out of this cuntre, or ellis I wilbie constrenit to put handis into him, quhilk I wald be leithe to do for your cauiss; for quhone he straik James Crychtone<sup>4</sup> befoir in execution of his offeice, I buir with it, bot nocht for his awin cauiss, heirfoir I pryde your (l) find sum remeid, or ellis ye main excuiss me to seik outh the next remeid. I have wretin to my Lord of Blantyre to confer with yow in thir materis, and in the mein tyme, quhill I gait your ansuer, I sall gair keip him allsurlie as I cain. it will pleis you to lat me haue sum of your newis. Sua levin to

<sup>1</sup> Forge, Fergus, the messenger who was to carry the letter (see p. 389).

<sup>2</sup> It is not clear who this turbulent person was, about whom the Laird of Garlies wrote on the eve of Sir Patrick's departure for Denmark, and the name is doubtful in the original, owing to a hole in the paper; but a receipt was given by "Rychard Wauss" on 22d September 1583 (see p. 277, and note there).

<sup>3</sup> See letters from him, 10th February 1581 and 21st September 1582.

<sup>4</sup> A messenger-at-arms.

trubill yow with forther for the present, I commit yow to God.  
 at Minnygaf the xix dye of May anno 1587 Bie your L assurit  
 frend at power, Garleis.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and his gud frend  
 the Lard of Barnbaracht.

A Journal of Sir PATRICK WAUS'S Journey when he went  
 Ambassador to Denmark, and came from it, 30th May 1587.

The forme and maner of our procedens in oure Voyage in  
 Ambassadie to Denmark fra our leife taiking fra the K. Ma<sup>te</sup> our  
 master, quhilk vas at Halryrouidhous the 25 of May at ane  
 efternone or thairby, Anno 1587; and remainit in Edy<sup>r</sup> awaittyn  
 the wind to tuesday thereaftir, quhilkis vas the penult of May  
 and com that nycht to Leyth, quhair we remainit till 9 houris  
 upon the morne, quhilkis the last of May 1587.

Upon Wedensday, quhilk vas the last of May, ve tuik chip,  
 and lovsit, and twik saill the said day abovit 11 houris befoyr  
 none vyth fayr vynd till Settyrday, that the vind contrareit uss,  
 quhilk vas the 3 of Junii, and come that day to ane sovund in  
 Norway callit rosbov, quhayr ve remanit that nycht, and upon  
 the morne, quhilk vas the 4 of Junii, we lovsit from resbov, and  
 come to Elstoneuy<sup>r</sup> upone fouyrsday at 8 houris at evyn, or  
 thairby, quhilk vas the 8 of the said moonathe, and come that  
 nycht to Ricardus Weddyrburnes hoviss at Elstoneuyr in Den-  
 mark. and upon the morne, the 9 of Junii, the Capitano of the  
 Castell of Croneburge, and Phalrik Boyall, toylmastyr, send to  
 uss, and desyrit our namis, the namis of our Gentillmen and  
 servandis, and quhow mony ve var in tryne,<sup>1</sup> to the effek thay  
 mycht adverteise the K. of Denmark thair Mastyr, for sua thay  
 haid command to do. And lyik as ve did geif our namis, vyth  
 the namis of the Gentillmen and servandis to the numer of 44,  
 or thairby, and send thame to the toylmastyr upon Fryday,  
 quhilk vas the said 9 day. and because the said K. of Denmark  
 haid past of elstoneuyr 3 or 4 dayss befoyr our arreal to  
 Andyrskov, 17 duche mylis thairfra, ve avittit upon the K.  
 anser till mouninday 8 dayis thaireftir, quhilk come to vss be

<sup>1</sup> Train.

Gerardus ranzoo quhilk the 18 of Junii, and declairit to vss that it vas the K. mynd that ve suld pass to Andyrskov, quhayr the K. vas at that present; And that It vas the K. vill that ve suld begyne and taik our jornay upone fryday nixt thaireftyr, quhilk vas the 23 of the said moonathe of Junii, and that vee var ordanit to be that nycht In coipman hovyne,<sup>1</sup> Lykas ve var; and shew vss the K. haid commandit the rentmastyr to furneyss vss wagance for ourselfis, our haill compane, and coffyiris, Lykas It vas done to the nvmer of 30 vagance dalye, or thairby. and upone settyrday, quhilk vas the 24 of Junii, ve past fra Coipman hovyne<sup>1</sup> to rosgvill, quhilkis 4 dens<sup>2</sup> mylis thairfra, And there ramanit that nycht, and upone the morne, quhilk vas sounday the 25 of Junii, ve past to remesteid, quhilkis uthir 4 dens myllis, quhair ve ramanit that nycht, and vas upone the K. expensis; quhilk vas ane fayr abay<sup>3</sup> bot now maid in ane castell of the K.; bot ve mycht haif beyne bettyr cheip twa nycht upone our avyn expensis nor that ane nycht, in respect of the revardis geifen as is the accustomett vyse<sup>4</sup> of strangeris. and upon Mouninday, quhilkis the 26 of Junii, we come to Andyrskov quhilkis be 2 eftyrnone, quhilkis vther 4 dens myllis distant thairfra; and shortlie eftyr our arryvell thair ve derrekit Mr David Myrtone, quaha haid the duche langage, to the Chancellor, (Nicolaus Kaos) to desyir hys (ll) to declayr the K. Ma<sup>te</sup> ve var comyn thayr, as the K. Ma<sup>te</sup> haid appointet our dyettis, and that he vald desyir the K. Ma<sup>te</sup> ve micht haife his presens upone the morne; Lyck as the Chancellor did, and send to vss abovit 4 houris that day ane Doctor callit Paspelay, quaha in the K. name velcumit vss verray hartlie, and eftyr our conference, and lytill befoyr his leife taikyn, declarit to vss that ve suld haife presens of the K. ma<sup>te</sup> upone the morne, and he vas verray glaid of our cumyn; and geif ve haid ane guid anser to geif anent Orknay, he dovittit nocht all uthir thingis we had ado, or vald requeiyr of the K. ma<sup>tie</sup>, suld be verray thankfullie ressavit, and vald be grantit; and sua he twik his leife as for that nycht. Upon tyisday the 27, the Chancellor, Nicolayus Kaos, derekit ane servand of his to vss be 6 houris at morne, or thairby, to

<sup>1</sup> Copenhagen.<sup>2</sup> Danish.<sup>3</sup> Abbey.<sup>4</sup> Use.



schaw vss that the K. mat<sup>ie</sup> was evill at eyss,<sup>1</sup> and haid sayr teyth and that he, and sum uthirs of the Consell, vas derekit to vss to confer with vss upon sik effaris as ve var cumin for, and vald be shortlie at vss be 8 houris or thairby, Lyik as the said Chancellor, monser Mandrop and Below, and the said Doctor Pasclay, quha at the cumin welcumit us in the K. name verray hartlie, and shew to us that albey<sup>t</sup> Doctor Pasclay shewit uss the nycht befoyr that ve suld haife haid presens of the K. that day, yit in respect of the K. diseyss of his sayr theytht ve behuiffit to tak patience quhyll the K. war bettyr, and thaireftyr ve suld haife presens; and in the meyne tyme thay var derekitt to confer with vss in ony sic thing as ve haid to propone, and that fyrst it vas the K. vill to begyne at the mater of Orknay.

We anserit and said eftir our advyssment, that the K. our mastyr haid onlye derekit vss to the K. mat<sup>ie</sup> of Denmark, and to na vthir in his cuntre, and onto the tyme we haid presens of the K. Mat<sup>ie</sup>, and had delyuerit to hym the K. our mastyris lettre, we culd nocht confer our erand to na vthir. And as for the mater of Orknay, ve haid na Commissione thairof. bot at the tyme appontit, quhilk as yit was nocht cumyn, we douit nocht but the samin suld haif anser as appartenit, and thairfor at that present we haid na commissione to traitt thairof. and fardor ve desyrit that, gafe it mycht be the K. plesour that we mycht haif conference vyth me L Chanellar his alleyne, ve vald declayr to his L fardor of our mynd; and thairto ve haid ane lettre of the K. mat<sup>ie</sup> our mastyr to delyuer his L., and at our conference he suld knaw fardor of our erand; quha all fovyrr drev apart, as ve did on the vthir syid, and eftyr thair conference comme to vss, and said me L. Chancellor culd nocht confer vyth vss quhill he haid fyrst schavyn it to the K. mat<sup>ie</sup>, and to haife his advyis thair-unto, and quhoo sone he haid spokyn the K. his mastyr he suld aduerteyss vss quhat vas the K. vill concernyng our desyir, and eftyr sum vthir generall towyn<sup>2</sup> thay twik thair leif, and past to the Castell, quhayr the K. and the Consell was at that present, and schew quhat vas ressonit amangis vss.

<sup>1</sup> Ease.<sup>2</sup> Conversation.

Sua sone eftyr dinner the Chancellar send his servand to vss to declayr that he vas to cum schortlie to vss be 2 houris eftyrnone, and to confer vyth vss as ve desyrit; and before 3 houris the Chancellar com as he appontit, sua ve thankit his L verray hairtlie of his taikyn of panis to cum to vss, and conferrit vyth his L in generall, and sine<sup>1</sup> delyuerit him the K. ma<sup>tie</sup> our masteris messive, and vyth his ma<sup>ties</sup> commendatiouns and thankis for his panis tane the last yeir in his mat<sup>es</sup> effaris; quha ressaut the K. our masteris messive verray hartlie, and said to vss quhat he culd do in ony soyrte, aythyr be his travell or Consell, to the forderence of quhat sumeuer erand the K. our Master haid to do, he vald do the sam vyth all his haill harte to the vytrmest of his pouer, and in speciall at the K. of Denmark his masteris handis.

Sua undystandyn the guid vill and effektione he haid to the K. our master, and quhat travell he twik the last yeir in the K. our masteris effaris, ve schew that ve haid sum secreit to declayr to the K. ma<sup>te</sup> of Denmark, bot he<sup>2</sup> haid command of the K. our master nocht to declayr it except we vndyrstuid our desyr mycht taik effek; and that ve haid command fyrst to trye secreitlie the K. of Denmarkis mynd thayrinto, and to knaw as far of his ma<sup>ties</sup> mynd as ve mycht befoyr ve suld propone the mater. and becaus ve haid delyuerit his L the K. our mastyris messive, and that we vndyrstuid his L secreitness, ve vald sumpart schaw his L a part of our erand, sua his L vald promiseis that na vthir suld be participant thairof, except onlye the K. ma<sup>te</sup>, and that me (we) mycht the bettyr vndyrstand the K. his mastyris mynd in our beseness. quhaa upon his fayth and honour promesit to keip all secreit that ve vald declayr, and none suld knaw be him, saife<sup>3</sup> ony the K. his master, quhatt ve haid to desyir. And vpon this promeyss ve begucht<sup>4</sup> to inqueyr at his L geif that Madame Elezabethe the K. eldest dochtyr wes in guid helthe, and geife schoo was contractit and promesit to ony at that tyme; quha said to vss schoo vas vyth the rest of the K. barnis in zettland, and vpon his honour as he knev was

<sup>1</sup> Afterwards.

<sup>2</sup> Sic in orig., should be "we."

<sup>3</sup> Save, only.

<sup>4</sup> Began.

nathyr contractit, nor promesit, nor spokyn for, and promesit to lat vss vndyrstand geife ony sik thing haid beyn spokyn to the K. his mastyr as schortlie as he convenientlie mycht gett tyme, and sua twik his leif for that nycht. And as he haid cumyn to the Castell to speik vyth the K., the K. vas at his super, and the Chancellor Rammell vas cumyn ovit of Dvcheland fra the Dvik of Sax, quha vas at the Baptyme of ane sone to the Dvik of Sax in the K. name, and held the K. att the supper, and mykyll of that nycht in porposs, sua that the Chancellor Kaoss culd gett na lasour to speik of ony porposs to the K. ma<sup>te</sup> quhyll on the morne, and quhoo sone he had spokyn the k ma<sup>te</sup> in the morninge he vreitt to vss vyth ane servand of his awin, schavyn vss of the K. mynd. And as ve thoct nocht in forme as derek as vass desyrit, and vreit anser to his L that. upone the quhilk his L com to vss at eftyrnone, quhilkis vas vednisday, and declarit vss that the K. vas sumpart bettyr nor he vas, and that he haid commandit hym to declayr ve suld (haif) presens of the K. the morne; and als ve var desyrit to dyne vyth his ma<sup>te</sup>, and that ve suld be reddy to pass to the Castell about 8 houris vppone the morne, and that 2 of the Consell vald cum for us abovit that hour, and that ve suld be verray velcum to the K. ma<sup>te</sup>, quha vald schav vss guid contenance, as he did. sua for that nycht thay procedit na farder, and sua the Chancellor twik his leif. upone the morne, quhilk was fvyrsday, the 28 of Junii, the Chancellor Kaos send to vss be 6 houris at morne to declayr vss that 2 of the Consell vald be at vss be 8 houris to convoy vss to the Castell, quhair ve suld haife presens of the K. ma<sup>te</sup>, and alss that we suld tare<sup>5</sup> and dyne thayr Lyik as eftyr 9 houris Monser Mandrop and Belov com to vss, and brocht 3 coverit vaganis, and declayrit vss it ves the K. will ve suld pas to the Castell to the effek foyrsaid; sua, eftyr salutationes maid ve past vyth thame and enterit in the vaganis and past to the castell, quhair or ve enterit in the Castell we saw the K. men of vayr, pairt standand without the yett, and utherss within the yett in the cloyss, sua that ve var convoyit be the said Mandrop and Belov to the K. Hall.

<sup>1</sup> Tarry.

Letter from KING JAMES VI. to Sir PATRICK WAUS and Mr  
PETER YOUNG, his Ambassadors at the Court of Denmark,  
14th June 1587.

To our Richt Trustie and weillbelovit Counsallouris Sir Patrick  
Waus of Barnbarroch, Knycht, and Mr Peter Young of Seytoun,  
our Eleemosinar, our Ambassadouris in Dennemark.

Rex.

Sir Patrik Waus of Barnbarrow, Knycht, and Mr Peter Young  
of Seytoun, our Ambassadouris, presentlie direct in the realme  
of Denmark, We greit you wele. Forsameikle as we ar informit  
that thair is a gret nowmer of our schippis of the hailleportis of  
our realme frauchtit toward Danskin<sup>1</sup> for bying of victuall, The  
merchandis and byaris quhairof ar myndit to transport and sell  
the samin in vther forayne pairtis for thair greter advantage and  
commoditie, without respect to the gret skarstie and derth  
presentlie appeiring within this our realme, Or the inconvenient  
that may ensew thairvpoun baith to ws and thame, gif thai sal  
happin to be interceptit be the Quene of Englandis schippis in  
the passing through the pace to the pairtis of France, Flanderis,  
or Spayne; Quhairof We and our Counsale having consideration  
Have thocht gude that it sal be rememberit be yow, as ane part  
of your commissioun, That quhen God sall send you to the toun  
of Elsinvre, ye earnestlie solist the tollendar That he custome  
nane of these our schippis, quhilkis salhappin to bé laidin with  
any kynd of victuall, quhill as<sup>2</sup> they obleise thame selffis to cum  
directlie in Scotland thairwith, To be sald heir for the releif of  
the pure,<sup>3</sup> and supplie of the derth and skarstie. And heirwith-  
all ye sall not fail to caus extract out of the Customaris buikis  
the name of ilk schip, with the name of the Maister and mer-  
chand thairof, and the toun quhair thai dwell, Togidder with the  
quantitie of victuall that is cust(omit) in ilk schip, that we may  
the bettir knaw thay personis that salhappin to carrie thair  
victuall to forayne pairtis in this gret derth and necessitie within  
our realme, and caus thame be handillit as thai mereit. As ye

<sup>1</sup> Dantzic.

<sup>2</sup> Until.

<sup>3</sup> Poor.

will anser to ws heirvpoun, for the quhilk thir presentis sall be to you sufficient warrand and commissioun. Subscriuit with our hand at Falkland the xiiij day of Junij, 1587.

James R.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to LADY BARNBARROCH.  
(Perhaps) June 1587.

Madame, pleis yow with that I haif swm marche in question betuix the Laird of cloisburne<sup>1</sup> and me in niddisdail, quhilk ar appoyntit to be riddin the penult of this mwneth, and to this effectt I purpois to tack journey on monday nixt, being the xxviij of this instant, and to be in sen Johnis clachen<sup>2</sup> at nicht, quhairfoir, madame, I will maist ernistlie requeist yow to permitt your sone to accwmpany me dithir, and to this effectt that he wald meit me vpoun monday nixt in wigtoun be ten houris. Sua, leiving to be farther trubbillsum to your ladyschip for the present, I maist hartlie taik my Leive,<sup>3</sup> resting evir, Youris ladyschipsis most assurit, Gairleis.  
glastown the xxiiij of this instant.  
To the werrie honorabill and  
gud lady the Lady barnburroche.

[This letter may have been written during Sir Patrick's absence in Denmark, either in the summer of 1587 or the autumn of 1589, when his son might have been thirteen or fifteen years old.]

Letter from JOHN FLEMING to LADY BARNBARROCH,  
30th July 1587.

Madame, efter my dewtie of sarvice rememberit to your (la), I thocht gud to wryt to your (la), becaus I ken the laird is occupieit in uther thingis, about the lytill sillver that is addettit to the merchant for the rest of the sueit meittis,<sup>4</sup> and uther thingis, that I sent hame. the sume is sewintein pund, and the

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Kirkpatrick.

<sup>2</sup> Kirkcudbright.

<sup>3</sup> Leave.

<sup>4</sup> Sweetmeats.



laird promiseit to send it to me to pay the merchant the xx day of the last monethe, or els at the lambes <sup>1</sup> fair preceislie, quhilk I desyre your (la) to send me now at the fair, becaus I promiseit faithfullie to the merchant, and ony thing, that ather the laird or your (la) misteris, <sup>2</sup> that lyis in my power, send me word, and it sall be obeyit sa far as lyis in me; for I desyr na mair bot I may keip my credit, and I will want na geir, for god be praisit my moyen is bot small as yit, but I hoipe in god it sall be better. I wald nocht wryt to the laird at this tyme, for I know he is in uther materis. Your (la) sall wit that thair come lettres registrat aganes the laird for tua thowsand merk fra James crechtone for ane arthor roy. the lard in his mersie put his honor out of trobill, for word come to ws that the place weis tane upe be the gowd, and the nuirische <sup>3</sup> grat baithe nycht and day for the sam quhill geordie tomsone come. nocht els for the present quhill your (la) nixt adverteisment, bot ye will obey this requeist, as I may ather do plesur or service to your (la) agane; with the nuirische <sup>3</sup> commendatioun to your (la) and hir dochter. fra ed<sup>r</sup>, the penult of Julie; Your (la) Serwant to be commandit,

John Fleeming.

To the rycht hono<sup>l</sup>, and his maist specall maistreis,  
the lady barnbarroche, this be delyverit.

Discharge by JOHN GARDINER for Freight of Ship to  
Denmark, 18th August 1587.

I Jhonne Gardiner, Maister and Skipper of ane schip callitt the Lioun of Leith, Granttis me be the Tennour heirof to haif resaut fra the handis of the richt honorable Sir Patrick Wasse of Barnbarroche knycht, ane of the Lordis of our Soveran Lordis Prewie Counsall and Cessioun, And Mr Petir Young of Setoun, sielyik his hyness Maister Amoser; The sowme of ane Thowsand pound mony of this realme, in full and compleit payment of my schipis fraucht, quhilk wes send be the Kingis Maieste to Denmark; the quhilk at mair lenthe is contenit into ane Charter pairtis, maid betuixt the saidis perteis abouewrittin. Off the

<sup>1</sup> Lammas.

<sup>2</sup> Needs.

<sup>3</sup> ? Nurse.

quhilk sowme (for)said I hald me weill content and payit,  
 Exoneris and dischargis the said Sir Patrik, and M<sup>r</sup> Petir aboue-  
 writtin, thair airis, executouris, and assignayis, for now and evir;  
 Be this my discharge, Subscrivit with my hand At Edinburgh  
 the xvij of August the yeir of God 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lxxx sevin yeiris,  
 Befoir thir witnessis, Andro Broun Surgeiner in Edinburg,  
 Mathow Grege, Williame Vilsoun, and Peter Douglass, with  
 vtheris diuerss

Jhon Gardner wyth my hand

Andro Broun withnis

Williame Wilsoune witnes.

M. G.

Endorsed—Johne gardneris acquitance for the fracht of his  
 schip to Denmark for 1<sup>m</sup> lib.

Letter from PATRICK WEDDERBURN, Burgess of Dundee, to  
 Sir PATRICK WAUS, 11th September 1587.

My lord, efter my humble commendatioun of seruice I hawe  
 resaut ane lettre frome my brother recardus wedderburn furth  
 of elsonovar,<sup>1</sup> vith ane obligatioun of M<sup>r</sup> johne lermontthis dett,  
 that quhair the said M<sup>r</sup> Johnne hes borrowit, and resawit fra my  
 said brother recardus, the sowme of auchten auld dollers, and  
 aucht dens<sup>2</sup> silling, the quhilk the said M<sup>r</sup> Johnne is bund in  
 his obligatioun, and makis mentioun that your (l) and M<sup>r</sup> piter  
 young<sup>3</sup> sall satisfie at the sicht of his obligatioun, quhilk I hawe  
 in keping; quhairfore prayis your (l) that I may hawe the  
 siluer send to me vith the first suir hand that cumis this way,  
 and resawe the said M<sup>r</sup> Johnneis obligatioun. prayand your (l)  
 to hawe me excusit of my hemblie chairg, for my brother will  
 luik for the siluer the first schip that sellis estvart.<sup>4</sup> nocht for-  
 der at this present, bot committis your (l) to the protextion of  
 god. frome Dundie, the elevint day of september 1587.—be  
 your (l) Seruitor,

Patrik Wedderburn  
 burges of dundie.

[Address torn off.]

<sup>1</sup> Elsinore.

<sup>3</sup> Sir Patrick Waus's colleague in the Embassy.

<sup>2</sup> Danish.

<sup>4</sup> Sails eastward.

[Andrew Martyne, by whom the next letter was written, is probably the same person about whom Lord Orkney wrote on 26th January 1585-6, as having caused differences between him and his elder son, who had died before 4th March 1581-2, but he seems to have remained in the service of the family, and now writes in the interest of Patrick, Master of Orkney. John, fifth Lord Fleming, had a grant of the profits and rents of the Priory of Whithorn in 1567. But he was forfeited by Parliament on 17th November 1569, and we have seen that Lord Robert Stewart was commendator of Whithorn as far back as April 1567, for Lord Fleming was then besieging him in the Castle of Cruggleton, which belonged to the Priory.]

Letter from ANDREW MARTYNE to

11th September 1587.

My lord, eftir my hertlie commendationis of service, Pleis your (l) my lord flemyng be myoun (moyen) of the secreter gat ane act of repossessioun in this lait parliament, ordaining him to be possessit, and to haue richt, to all titillis quhilk his father haid the tyme of his deceiss; and thairby menis to Intromet with the priorie of quhitterne, and to this effect hes rasit lettres, chargeing the tennentis to anser him. heirfoir prayis your (l) to attend heirto, and let nocht the tennentis anser him, bot send heir the copie of the charges, that letters of dowbill poynding may be rasit, and his charges suspendit. I vnderstand my lord flemyngis fatheris titill wes declairit annull be decret of the lordis, and the last possessor to haue haid full richt, sua I think the M<sup>r</sup> <sup>1</sup> salbe in the les danger. I luik that the M<sup>r</sup> <sup>1</sup> wil-be heir abowt Michaelmes, and his father to remane at hame for keepinge the cuntrie. The convention will hald in falkland or cowper the xv of this instant for direction of embassadoris. Sum sayis that monsieur de bartass <sup>2</sup> hes altirit the kingis con-

<sup>1</sup> The Master of Orkney.

<sup>2</sup> Du Bartas, an envoy from France, who arrived in January 1587, and ingratiated himself with the king, whom he persuaded to send an envoy to the King of Navarre to get acquainted with and report upon his sister.

sait fra denmark, and turned it to naverr.<sup>1</sup> alway the estaittis at this conventioun will tak ordor thairwith. haueand no vther newis presentlie to wryte to your (l), eftir my hartlie commendationis of seruice to my ladie your bedfallow, Committis your (l) to god. ffrome leith the xi of september 1587.—Your (l) to command in seruice, Andro martyne.

[The outer sheet with address torn off.]

[The following contract, prepared a few weeks after Sir Patrick's return from Denmark, speaks for itself. He had been named one of the secret council on 21st April of that year, and probably, owing to increased public duties, he wished to give his wife full power to act for him in the management of his estate. His signature is not attached to this document, but he probably signed a duplicate.]

Contract between the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH and his WIFE,  
15th September 1587.

At Barnbarache the xv day of september anno 1587 yeiris. It is appointit, aggreit, and finallie endit, betuix the personis wndirwrittin, To wit Ser patrik Wauss of barnbarrache, Knycht, And Dame Katherine Kennedy, his spous in maner following; That is to say the said Ser patrik giffis, grantis, and committis expres bidding and mandat for him, and in his name, to his said spous and willame Dunbar in culyemalze, hir ffactor, his full power to intromet and wplift his haill fermes, maillis, and dewteis, ces meill, mylne fermes, as land fermes<sup>2</sup> pertening to him in all partis during the space of thre yeiris; To wit the fourscoir sex yeiris crope now to be ressaut at mertymes nixt eftir the dait heirof, and the fourscoir sewin yeiris crope nowe in barne yaird, and the fourscoir aucht yeiris crope nixt thair-  
eftir. And the said Ser patrik hes promissit to his spous The samekle as wantis of the sowme of thre thowsand merkis wntaikin wp of the fourscoir sex yeiris crope comptit and giffin wp be

<sup>1</sup> Navarre.

<sup>2</sup> Farms, mails, and duties, cess mail, mill farms, as also land farms.

hir, That he sall Deliuier als mekle off wther Dettis to mak it out ; ffor the quhilkis caussis foirsaid the said Dame Katherine hes promissit to releiff and taik off the said Ser patrikis landis, and wther dettis, the sowme of ten thowsand merkis, and hald his houss wsit and wint.<sup>1</sup> At the termes ffollowing to wit thre thowsand merkis at witsounday nixt in anno fourscoir aucht yeiris thre thowsand merkis at wetsounday in anno fourscoir nyne yeiris and four thowsand merkis in anno fourscoir ten yeiris. And als with power to my said spous and hir factour, gif neid beis, to call, persew, and follow befor the iudge competent, or wtheris iudges, neidfull for my fermes and dewteis foirsaid, actis and instrumentis, to raiss decreittis, to obtene acquittances, to gif quhilkis salbe als sufficient as I had giffin and grantit thame my selff. Gevand power to my said spous and hir factour to pound and distrinye my tennentis, and occupyiris of my landis, and myllnis particularlie, for thair fermes and dewteis, Siclyk and in the samen maner as mycht haue done my selff, and <sup>2</sup> I wer present in proper persoun, and thaireftir to imploy the samen to hir awin wss and commoditie, as thay sall think maist meit and expedient ; promittand to hald ferme and stable all and quhatsumeuir my spous and hir factour leidis to be done in thir premissis. In witnes heirof we haue subscriuit this present contract and appointment with our handis, day yeir and place aboue writtin, Befoir thir witnes, Thomas Kennedy in Baryarrok, thomas wauss and Quinteine moressone, seruandis to the said Ser patrik wauss. &c &c &c. prowying alwayis that my said spoviss pay the anvallis quhill the land be lowsit, and alss maillis of the few landis for the saidis thre yeiris.

provydand that, gif the said deme katryn feynd that scho haif tensell,<sup>3</sup> in that caiss to gif it our quhen it plaissis hir.

Dame kathran kannady lady of barnbarroch.

[No address or signature by Sir Patrick. On back in Sir Patrick's hand—"Contract betuix vefe and me for 1 yeris devat." <sup>4</sup>]

<sup>1</sup> According to use and wont.

<sup>2</sup> An, if.

<sup>3</sup> Loss.

<sup>4</sup> One year's duty.



Letter from ALEXANDER YOUNG of Eastfield to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 24th September 1587.

My lord, efter my warray hartlie commendatioun of service, I resauit ane letter of your (L), and ane vther of Ramelius in lattin, quhilk I sall send wnto my broder. wit your (l) he partit frome falkland on Tewuesday, quhilk was the xix of this Instant, and the kingis ma<sup>tie</sup> reid bot to ryffane<sup>1</sup> on wendnisday, quhilk was the xx day. your (l) is written for off new to be in Edinburgh, as your (l) will pursaue be the kingis ma<sup>tie</sup> letter. my broder writ also wnto your (l), quhilk writtin I hoip your (l) hes gottin or<sup>2</sup> now. my broder wass menand him self not to be weill at his parting frome me, and I heir say sen syne he hes bene sum thing seik. this havand na forder to truble your (l), I commit your (l) to goddis blysit<sup>3</sup> keeping. Writtin frome ryffane<sup>1</sup> the xxiiij day of september 1587.—Your (l) awin man to be commandit with service,

Alex<sup>r</sup> Young<sup>4</sup> of eistfeild.

To his warray gude my lord off  
Barrinbarroch Deliuier this.

Extract Register of PRIVY COUNCIL, 11th October 1587.

In presence of the king and his council M<sup>r</sup> Patrik Vaus of Bernbarrauch one of the senators of the College of Justice and M<sup>r</sup> Petir Young of Seytoun, his majesty's master "almoussare" having explained their negotiation with the King of Denmark and his Council, according to the instructions sent with them, the king with advice of his Council declares that they "have trewlie honnestlie and diligentlie performed and dischargit the charge and devoir committit to their credite." The king and council accordingly have "exonerit thame thairof, and ordanit ane act to be maid of thair said declaratioun, ad perpetuam rei memoriam. Acts of bounty to both in recognition

<sup>1</sup> Ruthven.

<sup>2</sup> Before.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed.

<sup>4</sup> ? Brother to Mr Peter Young of Seton.

of their services had been passed in the recent Parliament<sup>1</sup> (see Acts iii., 491, 492).

[Extracts from those in favour of Sir Patrick follow.]

ACTA PARLIAMENTORUM JACOBI VI., A.D. 1587.

11th October 1587.

c. 14. And siclyk reseruand furth of this our reuocatioun all and hail the landis of knoctane, kildarroch, kirrewaleok, and fyve merk land of kereburne, Liand within the serefdome of wigtoun, and kyndlie possessionis to S<sup>r</sup> patrick Vaus of barnbarroch, knight; Sua that he and his airis may brouke the samyn according to his infestment thair of, daitit at halyrudhous the tuentie day of Nouember, The yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir tua yeiris.

c. 96. Ratification to S<sup>r</sup> patrik Waus of Barinbarrauch, knight, presentlie ane of the kingis ambassadouris in Denmark. Oure Souerane Lord efter his lauchfull and perfite aige of xxi yeiris compleit, and generall revocatioun, with aise of his thre estaittis of parliament, Ratifies and apprevis, and for his hienes and his sussesouris perpetuallie confermis, the charter and infestment maid be his hienes, with aise of his hienes comptrollair for the tyme, to his weillbelouit and familiar counsallour S<sup>r</sup> patrik Waus of barinbarrouch, knight, ane of the senatouris of his hienes college of justice, and presentlie ane of his hienes ambassadouris direct to the king of denmark, and to the said S<sup>r</sup> patrikis airis and assignais specifeit thairin, Off all and hail the landis of knocktane, kildarroch, kirrywaltane, and fyve merk land of kereburne, Liand within the serefdome of wigtoun, auld kyndlie possessionis to the said S<sup>r</sup> patrik and his predisessouris, As the samin infestment, of the dait at halyrudhous the xxvij day of November the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir tua yeiris, at mair lenth proportis; And desernis and ordanis the said infestment to be als effectuell and valiable to thame for bruiking and josing of the saidis landis, as gif the same had

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Privy Coun., vol. iv., p. 219.

bene gevin and sett be his hienes eftir his said lauchfull and perfite aige of xxj yeiris compleit, and generall revocation foirsaid.

Letter from LORD ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
12th October 1587.

My lord, efter my varie hertlie commendationis, I wrete to your (l) of befoir In quhat hasert and danger I stand into be the proceedingis vsit aganis me in this last parliament. And being suirlie perswadit how sindrie vndir cullorit freindschipe and bluide, Intendit forder to truble and vnquiet myne estait, quhilk euidentialie apperis be dyuerssis thair proceedingis in that poynt, quhairof I thocht convenient to aduerteis your (lo), assuring myself of your (l) taciturnitie heirin, And thairfoir Reposing on your (l) fauorable dealing towardis me, will press your (l) to purpose and communicat my lordis cancellar, and iustice clerk in thir myne adois, incystring with tham for appoyntment to be had at thair handis; for I wald be glaid to bestow sum of my gere to lewe<sup>1</sup> in quietnes, quhilk I dout nocht bot your (l) can mair vyslie bring about nor I can informe. Always gif your (l) can bring the mater to this end, as I vnderstand hes bein spokin to tham of befoir, that they will tak in hand to repone me in my awin place, in forme as I wes of befoir, and obtain securitie to me thairin, I will do my vtirmaist endevoir to satefie tham thairfoir sa far as my power my reik;<sup>2</sup> quhairon I wald haife thair offir, and thaireftir sall do my diligence thairin at your (l) sycht. Bot I will nocht haife mony previe heirto except your (l) self, and my Lord of Lundoris, to quhom I haife wretin to assist your (l) in this poynt. Quhat end this sall sort to I wald be aduerteist with all expeditioun. I vnderstand that the maister of Caythnes lyis<sup>3</sup> tham to prevein<sup>4</sup> me in appoynting with my lordis cancellar and iustice clerk, and to mak my lord bothwell my enimie, and thairfoir pleis your (l) to be the mair diligente and circumspect in this mater. Referring the rest to your (l) guide handling and anser, committis your (l) to

<sup>1</sup> Live.

<sup>2</sup> May extend.

<sup>3</sup> ? Tryis.

<sup>4</sup> Prevent.

god. ffrom kirkwall this xij of october, 1587.—Your (l) luiffing  
freind at power, Orknay.

To the Richt hono<sup>ll</sup> The Lard of Barnbarrocht ane of  
the lordis of our souerane lordis sessioun.

Discharge by JOHN RUSSELL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
11th November 1587.

I Maister John Russell, advocat, be the tenor heiroy grantis  
me to haife ressaut fra the handis of the rycht honorable Ser  
patrik wauss of Barnebarrocht, knycht, the sowme of fourtie  
sex poundis xij sh iiij d mony; And that in satisfacioun of the  
annualrent of fourtene hundreth and nyne merkis restand awand  
to me be the said M<sup>r</sup> patrik, And for payment quhairof he be  
his letters obligatoris, registrat In the buikis of counsall, become  
bund and obleist to me, And that for the mertimes terme, In the  
yeir of god 1m v<sup>cs</sup> fourscoir sevin yeiris;<sup>1</sup> Togither also with the  
sowm of tuentie threi poundis vi Sh viii d, In part of payment  
of the witsondayis terme nixtocum, In the yeir of god 1m  
v<sup>cs</sup> fourscoir aught yeiris, Of the quhilk sowm of fourtie sex  
poundis xij sh iiij d In compleit payment of the said mertimes  
terme, and of the soum of tuentie threi poundis vi sh viij d In  
part payment of the said nixt witsondayis terme, I hald me weil  
content and satisfeit, And dischargis the said M<sup>r</sup> patrik thairof  
for now and euir. Be thir presentis, Subscryvit with my hand  
at ed<sup>r</sup> the allovint day of november, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>cs</sup> four-  
scoir sevin yeiris. Befoir thir witnesses william waddell Jo<sup>n</sup>  
christesoun my seruitoris, Jo Russell.<sup>2</sup>

Endorsed by Sir Patrik Waus—M<sup>r</sup> Johne Russellis acqtance  
of his a<sup>ll</sup> for the mertimes and vidsonday ad<sup>o</sup> 1588.

Letter from the MASTER OF ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th December 1587.

My Lord and father, my hertlie commendatiouns, I was glaid

<sup>1</sup> This is at the rate of 10 per cent.

<sup>2</sup> He passed advocate, March 1575-6, and he afterwards took a leading part in  
the reception of the queen by the city of Edinburgh.

to heir of your Lordschipis repairing toward Court at this tyme, seand I may haue that occasioun as to mene to your Lordschip the manifest and inexpectit wrang, quhilk vnderseitly I sustene at the handis of the Justice Clerk, quha first preparit the way to cancellet my leving, nixt hes tane my plaice our my heid,<sup>1</sup> and last of all, vnder termes of commouning and appoyntment, hes liftit ane cumpanie of suldartis in quoyet maner (as the commoun bruit is) to pass our<sup>2</sup> to Orknay, and Intruse thameself in my possessioun, and to persew my fatheris lyffe to the vter exterminacioun of our raice; and that but<sup>3</sup> regard to my bluid, my rycht, my friendship, and null offence committit be me athir aganis his maiestie or him. Qubairwpon, seand your Lordschip is ane of my speciall friendis, and that I determene with my selff to do no thing in ony mater of wecht but<sup>3</sup> my freindis speciall adwyse, I haue send this present to your Lordschip, as I haue done the lyk to all my honourabill friendis to vnderstand quhat courss ye think meitest to follow, and ffor quhat assistance and help I may luik for in this my honest and wechtie actioun at your Lordschipis handis; For I persauie they intend no delay in thair Interpretise, quhilk in the end may be juged als folischelie attemptit, as wyselie Inventit, or happilie endit. And sua luikand for your Lordschipis ansuer, Committis your Lordschip to god. Frome Edinbrucht the xij of December 1587.—Your L fostersone at power,

Maister of Orknay.

To my verie guid lord The Laird of barnebarroch  
lord off our souerane lordis sessioun.

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 27th January 1587-8.

My Lord, eftir my maist hartlie commendatioun, Pleis your L Thair is ane actioun persewit afoir your l, be James lidderdail of sanctmarie Ile aganis Willame quhyteheid for reductioun of his infestment of the grange mylne, quhilk actioun is veray vngodlie and vnreasonabill; Becaus willame quhyteheid is

<sup>1</sup> Over my head.

<sup>2</sup> Over.

<sup>3</sup> Without.



nocht onelie auld kyndlie tennent and possessour thairof past memor of man, Bot also vpoun his greit charges obtenit the first heritabill rycht and few thairof fra Mr Rob Richartsoun, prior of the Ile, mother brother to the Laird of the Ile perseuar, quha gaif the rest of the haill priorie gratis to the said James. Be the quhilk infement william quhitheid hes continewallie sen the dait thairof possest the said mylne and pertinentis to this hour, and the Laird Ile, as factour to the prior, hes continewallie ressaut his maill and dewteis, And hes nathing to object nor querrell the said few, bot onelie for nonconfirming: ffor the Laird Ile vrangouslie and vnkyndlie sex or vii yeir eftir wa<sup>m</sup> quhiteheidis few tuke ane new few of his awin Landis quhilkis he had of befoir (as gif he hade neurir hade thame befoir), and in that few includit the said mylne, and confirmit the samen vnknawin to the said w<sup>m</sup> quhitheid, quha ves bot ane pure honest man, and mycht nocht weil spair siluer to confirme his; nochtwithstanding quhair of the said James neurir quarrellit his few quhill now, bot ressaut in the prioris name the said williames maillis yeirlye, and gaif discharges thairof as factour to the prior. And becaus the puir man is my friend and thay that dois for him dependis on me, and that the actioun is verray vnreasonabill, and expres aganis god and gude conscience, I man effectuslie requeist and desyr your (l), as my speciall, To forther the puir man sa far as your (l) may ressonable of conscience, And do him fauorable iustice for my caus. I wald nocht writtin to your (l) thairanent war nocht the puir-man is ewill done to, and herreit, and opprest be the Laird of the Ile aganis ressoun. This, hoipping your (l) will do for my requeist lyke as I sall do for your (l) as your (l) will charge, referris the rest to the berar, and committis your (l) to god. Of kenmuir the xxvii of Januar 1587.—Your (l) at powar,

Lochinwer.

To my verray gude lord my lord of Barnbarrocht.

[The next letter is undated, but may follow this by the same writer, Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar, at this time one of the most powerful Barons of the West Country. Sir Patrick had

been summoned to hold Courts of Justiciary at Dumfries and Lochmaben in June 1582, and that may have been the occasion on which he had to deal with the "chapmen."]

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efter my hartly commendatioun,<sup>1</sup> that the burgesses of kirkcudbrycht hes summoned the haille chapmen in sant Johnis clachen,<sup>2</sup> with the rest of the fute chapmen in Galloway, befor your L, thinkand to haive thame dischargit<sup>3</sup> of thair chapmen craft, allegand that thay foirsthall<sup>4</sup> thair burgh and privilege. I dowl not bot your (L) knawis this chapmen-craft hes bene usit sen the begynnyng, and nevyr stoppit be na man to this hour; and na wyss it can prejuger the merchantis, bot rather to thair help. And for this cawss, the pure<sup>5</sup> chapman the litill sober<sup>6</sup> siluer he hes he takis to the town, and wairis<sup>7</sup> it upon sik geir as the merchant hes, quhair throw he may mak his trafick be it; and siklik the litill sober<sup>6</sup> wairis he can obtene in the cuntrie, owther be scheep skyne or lambe skyne, he takis it to the merchantis. and disponis it to thame. Swa the merchantis is on na wyss hurt be it, for thai mak by thair travell to the merchandis behuve. Gif ony of the pure chapmen had bene of worthynes to haive gatherit togidder sik ane pak, and saillit the seyis,<sup>8</sup> I think that had bene sum foirstalling of the merchandis, bot thair is nane of thame hes mair nor thai dow beir of thair bak, and scarce samekill. Thairfoir I pray your (l), gyf it comis in ressonyng befor yow, that your (l) will help the pure chapmen, and sie thai be not hinderit of that wes usit sen the begynning, for I dowl not bot the merchandis or thair forbearis has cum up be chapman-craft, for I herd nevyr tell in my tyme that ony pure chapman wes fownd falt with for travelling throw the cuntrie with his pak till now. This I pray your (l) remember on, for your (l) knawis

<sup>1</sup> "Ye sall wit" is probably omitted here.

<sup>2</sup> Kirkcudbright.

<sup>3</sup> Prohibited.

<sup>4</sup> Forestall.

<sup>5</sup> Poor.

<sup>6</sup> Moderate.

<sup>7</sup> Spends.

<sup>8</sup> Sailed the seas.

the estate of the cuntrie as well as I. Havand nocht ellis at this present, bot god preserve your (I) in gude helth.—Be your  
l assurit freind, Lochinver.

To the rycht hon<sup>ll</sup> the Laird of barnbarroch delyver this.

[The following undated letter is by the same.]

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 5th February.

Sir, efter my hairtie commendatioun, ye remember I wrait to yow of befoir, schawand quhow that I haid tane ane assurance betuix Allex<sup>r</sup> bailye and gilbert of hannay, And that thai stuid maist vpon ane plent, quhilk apertenis vnto yow, And I persauae yeit thai stand maist vpon it. Thairfoir, for the weill of baith the parteis, I wald ye war guid in that causs, And causit thame ovther to keip nychtbourheid or lat the pleint by quhill fardermar, for, geif thair beis nocht the greitter cummer, I sall cum vp throw and help to put that cummer away. This I wald ye did, as my traist is in yow. ye knaw my bruther hes dippit in to it, And of treuth by my acknawlege. Nochtwithstanding I wald it war mair ressonable Loukit vpon it, becaus he hes ado thairwith, quhilk sall na wayis be hurtfull to yow, for ye sall be satisfeit be reassoun at my vpcumme. Nocht ellis, bot god preserue yow. of the kenmoir, the v of fabruor.—Your freind  
at his power, lochinwer.

To my traist freind the Lard of Barnbarrocht.

Letter from ALEXANDER WAUS, Jun., to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 4th March 1587-8.

My Lord, eftir my maist hairtlie commendationis, Thir presentis ar to requeist your L that the berar, Mr James Menzies, my tender kynnisman and freind, may have your L gudewill and forderance in ane caus of improbatioun mowit be him aganis the abbot of coupar, and doubtis nocht bot, eftir diligent tryell tane in that mater, for the respect of iustice your L will think your trauellis weill bestowit thereanent. I man

be the mair earnest for your L gudewill and forderance heirin in that I am becum obleist souerrtie for the said Mr James that he sall imprewe the same under a grate pane, quhilk god-willing he will nocht fail to do, and <sup>1</sup> iustice haue place. Thairfoir it will pleis your L to lat him understand that this my sute hes tane place with your L, sa far as ressoun allowis: ffor of dewty I can nocht bot mentene him with my power and moyane in his honest and lesome effairis. I never hard fra your L sen your hamecuming frome Denmark, quhairof I mervell, for my gudewill sall continew constant with your L. I think it meit your L trauall with tullybardin in my caus, as occasioun beis offerit, in consideratioun he is maist meit for me in that mater, thir landis being maist adiacent to him, as this gentleman will at mair lenth schaw your L, whome pleis credit. giff my eldest sone hed bene at hame I wald have directit him specialie for this mater, bot he hes bene this space bygane with cultoquehay. I sall nocht fail to be at your L, giff it sall seme expedient to your L for the better forderance of this caus. Sa ceissing to trouble your L with langer lettre, remitting to your L anser, committis your L in the protectioun of the eternale. ffrom Perth this ferd of Merche,

Alexander Waus, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

To the Ry<sup>t</sup> hono<sup>ble</sup> and his maist speciale,  
The laird of Barnebarraut.

Contract between the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH and Sir  
ANDREW AGNEW, Sheriff of Wigtown, 29th March 1588.

At the kirk of glenluce, the xxix marche, the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> fyve hundreth fourseoir aucht yeiris, It is appointit betuix Ser patrik waus of barnbarrach knyght, and taikand the burding vpon him for Johne waus, his sonne and appeirand air, on the ane part, and andro agnew, serref of Wigtoun, on the vther part, in maner following, that is to say, forsamekle as for awoyding of all contraversies that may arryss betuix the saidis parties tuich-

<sup>1</sup> An, if.

ing the theffis <sup>1</sup> to be serchit and apprehendit with reid hand within the landis of Loch Mochrome Loch be ather of thame, It is now finalie aggreit betuix thame that the first apprehendar of reid hand, and personis fund thairwith, salbe execute according to the lawis of the realme, the commoditie and profite of the escheit of the personis convicted to be equalie distributit betuix the saidis parties, and baith the saidis parties officiaris to have frie libertie in ryping <sup>2</sup> and serching of the saidis landis but <sup>3</sup> stop or Impediment to be maid be ather of partiis; And for the mair fermitie heiroff baith the saidis partiis ar content and consentis that thir presentis be registrat In the buikis of the commisserial of wigton, and to have the strenth, force, and effect of ane decreit of the said commisserial, with lettres of hornynge and poynding to pas heirvpon vpon ane simple charge of sex dayis, the ane nocht to preiudge the vther; And to that effect maikis constitutis and ordanis Johne hannay provest of wigton

and Ilk ane of thame, thair procuratouris to compeir befor the said commisser, and grant to the registratioun heirof promitten de rato be thir presentis, subscrivit with thair handis day, yeir, and place foirsaid, befor thir witnessis, Johnne hannay of kirkdaill, James m<sup>c</sup>culloch of drummorall, paull dunbar, and michael cochrane notar publict,

Barbarrach.

Andro agnew sereff of wigton.

Jo<sup>n</sup> hanay vitnes Michael cochrane notar publict witness James m<sup>c</sup>culloch witness.

my lord commisser, ye sall registrat this lettre betuix ws, keipand thir presentis for your warrand at the desyre of this our procurator abouewrittin, obligando ratum,

Barnbarrach  
Andro agnew.

[On back in Sir John Waus's hand]—

Coppei off the band betuix the Sereff and my father.

Letter from ROBERT MAXWELL in Garrarie to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 27th April 1588. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my hartle commendatioun of service, ples your

<sup>1</sup> Thieves.

<sup>2</sup> Searching.

<sup>3</sup> Without.



I vnderstand that malcolm flymyng hes caussit summond me to compere befor the lordis of secret consell the penult day of this instant, lyk as your (ll) may persaiiff be the coppe of the lettir. heirpresent; and it is of verete, my (ll), that be the tyme of the charg, lyk as it is, yeitt that I vas at greit deseis and seiknes of body; beresson of the quhilk my gudsonnis trewelit with the lard of garleis to schaw his credit towarde malcolm flymeng in staying of the persuit of the lettres at this tyme in respeik of my seiknes, the quhilk vas alvterle<sup>1</sup> Reffussit; I(n) Respeik quhairof I man be now, lyk as I haif bein contenualie, hemle to charg your (ll) schaw your (ll) creidit befor the consell for my part, and stay, giff your (ll) may, the executioun of ony ferther lettres contrar me quhill ane certan day, at the quhilk tyme I sall compeir, giff I be leiffand, and nocht vexit with seiknes of body. And, my lord, gif your (ll) stayis all thingis contrar me, I vnderstand it is neidfull that cation sould beffund for comperance, your (ll) salbe cation, or vtherwayis causs sum be cation, for my comperance, the quhilk god willing I sall Releiff, sebeing ye salbe apoyntit quhen your (ll) vilbe in scotland. for in your (ll) absence I think hard to enter, bot your L sall be suir and<sup>2</sup> cation be fund for my duties I sall entir, or elis your L sall nevir sie me. Your L man athir help at this tyme or elis sine<sup>3</sup> me to wrak, quhilk is ne honour. in caiss that your L cane nocht get the mater continovit, thair man be sum help maid, and the sinatour<sup>4</sup> of my asschet gotten and composit for one my awin expensis; bot the dait of the asschet may nocht be fillit, quhill eftir the denynsatioun. do is<sup>5</sup> your L wull, for I hawe ne help vthir vyiss. god<sup>6</sup> that your L be vyce.<sup>7</sup> of the grang, this xxvii of apryle,<sup>8</sup>—Your l assurit frend and seruand,

Robert maxwell in garrary.

To my special lord and master my lord of barnbarroch  
knycht this be delyverit.

<sup>1</sup> Utterly.

<sup>2</sup> An, if.

<sup>3</sup> Sink, or it may be "suire," for suffer.

<sup>4</sup> Signature.

<sup>5</sup> As.

<sup>6</sup> The word "grant" omitted.

<sup>7</sup> Wise.

<sup>8</sup> The year is not stated, but it was probably 1588. Sir Patrick was expected to return to Denmark as ambassador in that year, and the writer anticipates his

Letter from Sir JOHN MAITLAND (Lord Thirlestane), the Chancellor, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 24th April 1588.

My lord, efter my vearye hartlie commendatioun, althocht we be allwayis occupyit in sic thingis as ar to be done heir, we ar not unmyndfull of yow and your voyage, and thairfoir I have tane occasioun heirby to desyre yow to travell be quhat meanes ye can best for provisioun of sylver, and in case it stick upon the securitie that will be desyrit thairfoir, sic shalbe had as shall content thame, at quhais handis the sylver is ressavit, I thincke it meit lykwyiss that ye deale for ane schip, and mak your uther preparatives quhilk are necesser, to the effect that at his majesties returne, quhilk I shall haist sa sone as is possible, ye may have lesse to do, and be readdyer for your voyage, Quhilk not doubting ye will thincke meit to be done, till nixt occasioun I commit yow in godis holye protectioun—from Jedburcht this xxiiij of Apryle 1588.—Your Very luffing freind to powar,

John Maitland.

[The outer sheet with the address is missing.]

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the MASTER OF  
ORKNEY, 23d May 1588.

Richt honorabill Ser, efter my hartlie commendatioun, I resaut your writting the xxij of this moneth desyring me to cum to ed<sup>r</sup>, and thair to compt and rakin,<sup>1</sup> and mak payment to yow of that quhilk restis of your benefeis of quhithorne within aucht dayes efter the resait of your letter, or vtherwayis ye wilbe at your advantage, and nocht to wryte to me fra this tyme furth for the caus fairsaid. Ser I vnderstand that ye ar behind, and nocht resaut your payment altogether as ye suld; And, gif ye be mekill behind, I am sumquhat mair; for of treuth the last siluer that ye gat fra me was of my awin siluer, and nane of your priorie; Nor yit had I never ane plak thairfoir of

absence, and wishes the time of his compearance to be fixed while Sir Patrick is in Scotland. See next letter.

<sup>1</sup> Reckon.

your benefeis, Bot restand still in thair handis that suld pay it, ffor it is trew the Lairde of barnebarroche, your econimus, hes neuer payit me ane plak yit nather of his teyndis nor few maillis of his Landis; as also the maister and maistres of vchiltre is restand all thair payment thir thrie yeiris bygane in lyk maner of thair Landis and maillis; And thridlie the guidman of ard-millan of his landis, besyde mony vtheris sindrie evill dettoris that I can nocht wryte to yow. Seing I am this far behind with thame that I have to do with It will pleis yow have patience quhill I may get it of thame, quhilk salbe with alss greit expedition as I can. And albeit ye get it nocht swa sone as ye would, ye sall be thankfullie payit thairof swa sone as I can have of thame, quhilk I hoip salbe betuix this and meringmes nixtocum. Giff ye war anis<sup>1</sup> payit, ye sall nocht be swa far behind with me swa Lang as I have to do with your benefeis, for ye sall knaw certanlie that the wyte<sup>2</sup> salbe in evill Dettoris, and nocht In me; bot alvayis ye salbe payit, and<sup>3</sup> the dettoris war never swa evill. Laving to troubill yow with farther letter, committis yow to the protection of god. At the clarie the xxiiij day of Maii 1588.—Your M assurit ffreind at power,

Garleis.

I hoip barnebarroche sall gif yow siluer to be doand with quhill he and I compt, seing I gat never nane fra him.

To the Richt honorabill and his guid ffrend  
the Maister of orknay this be directit.

[This letter names Barnbarroch as Iconomus of the Priory of Whithorn, and must have been forwarded to him by his nephew, the Master of Orkney, who succeeded his father as Prior in 1581.]

Letter signed MARIE STEUART (wife of the Master of Gray)  
to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 27th May 1588.

Rycht hono<sup>1</sup> Ser, forsamikill ye sall wit that I am informit that me Lord my fether is To pas to Scheitland, and to tak vp

<sup>1</sup> Ance, once.

<sup>2</sup> Blame.

<sup>3</sup> An, if.

his gold thair, and is abill to dispone the samen without making any payment to the Mr my husband and me of the siluer that is Resting in his handis. And in Respek that ye and the Laird of pennycweik<sup>1</sup> standis cautionaris to ws for the samen, I wald pray yow and him baithe that ye wald wreit ernistle to me Lord my fether for the samen, and schaw him that ye will nocht fail to be trublit schortlie for the samen; And that ye will schaw the Mr my husband sic Luif and fauour heirintill now in his absence, as ye wald he schew yow in tyme to cum. And gif ye think it meit that the kingis magisteis Letter be haid for the samen effect, hendrie wardlaw will grant it, and send it with youris also. Swa not doutting of your guidwill and deligenss heirintill, I commit yow to the protectioun of the almightie god. ffrome brouchtie this xxvii of maii 1588.—Be youris assurit to be commandit,

Marie<sup>2</sup> Steuart.

To the Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and my assurit guid freind  
the Laird of barnbarrow.

Letter from PETER YOUNG to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
19th June 1588.

My Lord, I ressautit apoun the xvj of this instant your Lordships of the xij, and ane vther of the xiiij, quhairby I was informit of sindry thingis that I was glaid to heir, quhairof I hertly thank your Lordship. I awaite still as before apoun your Lordships aduertisment, and that eftir your Lordship hes spokkin his Majestie; not that I wald cloise your Lordships handis from wretting and sending vnto me before that tyme, bot to schaw your Lordship that I intend not to steir quhill I heir

<sup>1</sup> Penicuik.

<sup>2</sup> This letter, signed Marie Steuart, was almost certainly written by the eldest daughter of Robert, Earl of Orkney, and wife of Patrick, Master of Gray. She dates from Brouchtie, a possession of Lord Gray; for Patrick, fifth Lord Gray, had a charter of the lands of Crag of Brochtie in 1542 (*Doug. Peerage*). The Master of Gray, after enjoying great favour from the king, and having been ambassador to England in 1584, and again in 1586, had fallen into disgrace, and had been banished from Scotland in this year. This Marie Steuart was Sir Patrick's niece by marriage.

of your Lordship quhat his Majestie intendis to do. I feir the syluer was ordanit for the iournay hes bene imployit to serue the maist haist. It salbe weil done to lat his hienes vnderstand quhat ye haue lernit of Captain Kincaid, and, gif his Majestie remanis still of the mynd we left him in, to be in reddines as before. A sfor my part I salbe reddy to serue, and as willing to lye ydle, and suinge with my bukis, the wyf, and bairnis, gif his Majestie will permit me. Your Lordship knawis my very inwart mynd heirin. Being lately for sum occasioun in Montrois, and seing ane propre schip thair, I enterit to feil the mynd of the awnaris in cais we had ado with thame. Thair ansuer your Lordship will considder be thair awin letter. Lat me vnderstand att all occasionis of your Lordshipis weillfare, and of Cummer Patrikis, quhome with your Lordship, eftir Cummer Petiris maist hertly commendationis and myne vnto yow baith, I commit to Goddis protectioun. In haist from Setoun, this xix of Junij 1588.—Your Lordshipis at command for ever,

P. Yowng of Setoun.

Gif we chance to have ado, I knaw not ane schip meiter for ws nor this of Montross, for sho is ane trim sailer, and is fyfene or saxtene tunn mair nor Jhone Gardenaris schip, and wantis na thing necessare to decore hir. I wald thay had ane anser. I belief thay micht be brocht to brek of this soum.

To my very gud Lord my Lord of Barnbarracht

Ane of his majestijs preuy Counsall and Session.

Letter from MARGARET LYONN, LADY HAMILTON, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 2d July 1588.

Richt speciall freind, Eftir my veray hartlie commendationis, having resaut ane letter frome my guid friend the Laird of calderwood, making mention, how that he obtenit the gift of escheitt of certane persones within clyddisdaill, and now the same is to be resonit befor the exchecker, quhair ye will be present; and seing he is ane, quhomto I am greatlie obleist, I man pray yow effecteuslie for my caus to schaw him the favor



ye may, sua that he may haif occatione bayth to contenew his former guidwill, as also to report the curtesie schawin be yow. for thair is na plessor ye do him but I will accompt the samen as done to my self, and for the uther persones quhome aganes he hes lettiris, I haif nevir fond thair gudewillis. This I leif to wryte forder, and remittis the rest to his awin Informatione, and sua committis yow to god. frome hammilton the Second day of July 1588.—Your assurit guid frend at powar,

Margaret Lyon.

I pray yow to lat my hartly commendationis be rememberit to your bedfallow.

To my richt speciall and assurit freind  
the Laird of barnbarro.

Letter from THOMAS GRAHAM of Craig to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 3d July (perhaps) 1588.

My lord, efter my hartlye commendatioun of seruyce, your (l) sall wit vpon ane decreit, gottin be me aganis the lard of heriss.<sup>1</sup> I rasis letteris to charge him to mak me payment, becauss I culd nocht get the sam vtherwyss; and now he hes rasis letteris of suspentioun, and hes neuer offerrit first the sovme to me, vpon ane falss naratyif, makand mentioun that he nor nane of his seruandis durst cum in the cuntre, to offer the sam to me, quhair I duelt, be ressone of the deidlie feid betux the kendedyis and his seruand, quhilk Is vntrew; for thair is ane assurance lang syne tane quhill mechelmes, or hallowmes, and him self send syne hes bene dyuerss tymes in the cuntre, and riddin throw the cuntre to galloway. I haue vritin my information to my procurator m thomas craige, and hes desyrit robt to speik your (l) hereintill, and prayes your (l) to be helpfull to the sam: It may abill be your (l) caiss heirefter. ferder your (l) sall wit I can get na payment of the teindis of kirkoswald, nor dale<sup>2</sup> becauss they haif saquastrat the haill fruttis thair of for raparing of the queiris,<sup>3</sup> and gevin me ane coppie,

<sup>1</sup> William, Lord Herries, succeeded 1582.

<sup>2</sup> Dally.

<sup>3</sup> Choir.

quhilk your (l) sall ressaue, and louiss vpoun catioun; and It Is of treuth thai haue never yit menit to begin any part of thair awin, bot thinkis to causs this to be ane stop to the payment of the teindis, to the quhilk I dout not bot your (l) will put remeid or your hame cuming. ferder I pray your (l) to raiss letteris vpon your sonis<sup>1</sup> provition to compell the parochionnaris to mak payment to him, and vtheris his factoris and taksmen in his name, byth of horning and punding, quhilk I belief your (l) will get, and bring thame hame with your (l) to barnbarroych; and I sall cum to your (l) and commoun ferder in that purposs, quhilk your (l) writ to me last of. nocht trubbling your (l) with ferder letter at this present, bot committis your (l) to the protexioun of the eternall god. from the craige the third of July be youris (l) at command and seruice,

thomas graham of craige.

To the rycht honorable and his speciall gud Lord  
the laird of barnbarroych delyuer this.

Letter from the CLERK REGISTER to the SHERIFF OF GALLOWAY  
to exempt Sir Patrick Waus from Taxation, 11th July  
1588.

Ry<sup>t</sup> honorable, Efter maist hartly commendationis, This salbe to certifie yow that the haill Lordis of the Counsall and session, under prelacis, alsweill of the spirituale als temporall estate, hes bene, and ar, fre and exemit in tyme bigane from all pament of ony stentis or taxationis grantit to our souerane lord, or his predecessouris, according to thair priuilege grantit at the institution of the college of iustice. And thair partes of the saidis stentis and taxationes hes bene allowit to the collectour thairof in thair bigane comptis, quhilk I haue thocht gude to testifie vnto yow, To the effect that ye may vse my Lord of barinbarrauch, being ane of the ordinar nowmer of the session, in that same maner, quhilk I doubt nocht salbe allowit to yow.

<sup>1</sup> His son may have been born in 1574. He had the gift of the commendatorship of Crossraguel in 1587.

God preserue yow. At edinburgh, the xi of July, 1588.—Youris  
to be commundit,

A. Hay.

To the richt honorable the Sereff of galloway  
and his deputy.

Mutilated Letter by LADY BARNBARROCH, to GEORGE VAUSS  
her servant. Perhaps July 1588.

Geordie Vauss, forsamekill as I pray you that ye faill nocht  
to caus cleip the scheip with all diligence sa sone as yie sie ane  
sett of weddir, and how sone yeild scheip and meilk scheip ar  
all cleippit, ye sall adverteiss me with diligence howe meikill  
the haill wool extendis to (the ministris twa stane, and twa  
stane to the ladye of carnsalliche, being first tane off). Be verie  
ernest to resave robine clugstonis, and Johne M'clereis, woll, and  
faill nocht to tak up the same fra thame bayth. As to the beir  
ye sall send it all out as I commandit you, except the xxiiii  
bollis, to gidder with the beir quhilk ye ar to resaif out of  
kerndone, quhilk ye sall nocht send out, and faill nocht to be  
ernest to seik the beir in kerndone, and resave fra him twa  
bollis at the leist. ye sall pray him to gif yow als meikill as he  
may spair and tak the twa bollis befor ye vant all. albeit he  
sould by the same, tak na less nor twa bollis. ye sall direct all  
boyis, and Jon kennadye, to the millis, and gif they refuiss, gar  
tak thair geir, and causs compryss thame, and tak the geir  
comprysit, and sell the same, and resave the siluer, and keip the  
same till to compt. And furneis ye thame als meikill meill out  
of the girnell. in cais the childer be nocht anserit immediatlie  
efter thair hame cuming, (ye sall) anser ilk ane of thame of halff  
ane pek meill be ten dayis, (and ye sall) gett in thair awin, and  
rasaiff ye the pryce thairof fra ilk ane (of thame, or) vtherwayis  
als meikill meill fra the myllaris: and (I pray you faill) nocht  
to do this. farther causs Jonet m'dowall fall to the (spinning of  
the wool to) be the comptar clayth,<sup>1</sup> and gar spine the same  
(with diligence,) and gar put thrie quarteris of blewe woll of the  
fynest in my wairdrope, and sa meikill quyt<sup>2</sup> woll as wilbe ane

<sup>1</sup> Counterpane.

<sup>2</sup> White.

(vther quarter;) and ye sall mak it of lenth that it may serve the (buid) quhen bayth the leiffis ar led out, and thrie quarteris (mair) to hing over at the endis of the buird; and ye sall gar hir m(ak ane) silvaige, with ane braid strype in the midis ane neiff braid, with (twa)? narowe stryppis on ilk syd of the braid strype. And siclyk (faill nocht) to caus Jonet m<sup>c</sup>dowall quhen all the wool is in the wairdr (ope, tak) als meikill of the langest and fynest as will be ane stane (of weill) washine wool, Becaus it man be fynnit, to be my stamyng<sup>1</sup> (clayth. and) anser m<sup>c</sup>cady of ane of the wair hyddis that the hird hes in the caskrew. gar gif everie boy ane pek of meill in twelff dayis, and gif m<sup>c</sup>cadie ane pek in xx dayis, as I haue commandit. Ye sall gar Jonet m<sup>c</sup>Dowall washe the woll, and mak it clein to ( ) stane wecht. And siclyk gar weill<sup>2</sup> ane vther stane and send o( ), quhilk I will mak grein. faill nocht quhen ye gang to the caskrew to caus gilbert bailzie resave als mony lambis as sould be gottin for the trokkis that was gevin out, and siclyk the lambis that was gevin out for trokis in the airleis and barglass. faill nocht to do thir thingis aboue rytin. Attour get ane boll of the fynest aittis<sup>3</sup> that cumis in the Ile, and caus mak grottis thairof, and haue ane pek thairof radie agane our hame cuming, and gif the rest to the bairnis, sie that the bairnis be weill handlit, as ye will anser to me thairupon. Swa having na farther occasion, bot sie thir particularis be done,

Dame katrein kennedy.

To my servand george Vauss in barnbarrath Delyuer this.

Letter from THOMAS, Tutor of Cassillis to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 14th July, 1588.

Broder, efter my hartlie commendationis, I ressavit your lettir and hes considerit the effect thereof; alwayis ye sall witt I am summoneit be the laird of lochinvar to keip the xxv day of this instant, notwithstanding the commoning betuixt me and him in the actionnis amangis ws. quhat this meanis I knaw nocht; as also I am to ressaive the kingis ma lettir this

<sup>1</sup> Taminy, a sort of worsted cloth.

<sup>2</sup> Wale, choose.

<sup>3</sup> Oats.

monnonday, the xv day of this instant, requiring me to be at this conventionn ye xx day of this moneth. It is trew broder I am

<sup>1</sup>diseasit of my fay<sup>th</sup> and treuth with ane fiver, lyk as I wrait to yow of befoir, and am nocht convalessit as yit. And I am informit my lord hammiltoun<sup>2</sup> is nocht weill lykit of at this present, and for all my lord of huntlie<sup>3</sup> and his future spous culd nocht or do at the kingis ma thay culd prevail na thing for my lord maxwell, and I heir that the speciall causs of this conventionn is for ane assyss to my lord maxwell, and the repourt is that he is nocht to eschaip. It is trew I lyk nocht mekill to be at thair doingis, and I man on force keip the said xxv day of this instant for this matter betuix me and Lochinvar. And gif I cum to that, and obey nocht the desyre of kingis (g) Lettir, it wilbe ane causs of tarowing on me. Thairfoir I meine to be in edinburche upone sunday at evin nixttocum, god willing, gif I may be able ayther to ryde or gang. Always ye sall shaw the chanceler of my diseas and seiknies, as I dout nocht bot his (l) hes hard; bot shaw him na thing of ye kingis ma letter cumming to me, for albeit I be in ed<sup>r</sup> on sunday at evin nixt, yit I beleif I salbe compellit to keip my bed for twa or thrie dayis eftir my cuming; Quhairfoir I have directit this berare to yow, that I may undirstand be your lettir, befoir my ryding, of the estait and appearance of all materis, Togidder with your

<sup>1</sup> Paper gone.

<sup>2</sup> It is to be remembered that this was the year of the Spanish Armada. It had been a question the previous year whether Lord Maxwell should be banished, and though "licence was granted to him to remayne at hayme for a certayne space," he thought it prudent to go abroad, and went to Lisbon. We then learn, under date April 1588: "The Lord Maxwell returnit from Spayne in Scotland, althought he had not obtenit the king's licence for that effect," and that the cause of his return was his hope in the success of the Armada. "Bot evin as that navie was frustrat, so was he; for howsone the king understude of his arryval, he incontinent sent to my Lord Hamilton, to my Lord Hereis, and to the Knycht of Lochinvar, who were soverteis for Maxwell that he sould not returne without the king's licence, under a picuniall sowme. The quhilk he repetit of thayme and was payit" (*Hist. King James VI.*).

<sup>3</sup> "Vpone the xxi day of Julii 1588 Huntlie wes married vpon the duik of Lennox eldest sister within Holyroudhouse chappell be the bischop of St Androis at quhilk tyme thear wes great triumphe, mirthe, and pastime."—*Moyses's Memoirs.*



resoluit counsall quhat ye think meitest to me to follow furthe in my cuming, and quhen ye esteme best with sik uther newis as ye have for present; and that ye direct this berare with sik diligence, as he may be at me but fail on fryday at evin nixt, in the Coiff at the fordest, for I meane to tak purpois upone your anser, and as I am yit advysit I think to be thair on sunday at evin as said is; thairfoir the berare may nocht fail to be at me on fryday as said is, I sall direct the rest of my mynd with my servand gilbert Ross, quha wilbe at you on wedensday at evin nixt, whairunto I refer ye rest. Sua committis yow to godis protection. off maybole the xiiij day of July 1588.—Be Youris L assurit broder, Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my richt assurit broder

My lord off Barnbarach.

Letter from THOMAS, Tutor of Cassillis, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH. No date, but may have been written about this time. [Holograph.]

Brodir, eftir my hartlie commendationis, ye sall persae be my lord hamiltounis<sup>1</sup> lettir, quhilk ye sall resaue, what necessitie thair is of my lord leit chanslar<sup>2</sup> discharge; thairfoir ye man with all posseble diligens send it with this berar to me, wtherwayis my lord hammilton will haif just causs to refuiss to mak my releif. I haif retineit my lordis servand apone the returneing of this berar, haifing nevir ane word newis. ye sall wit the tryst betuix Lochinwar and me haldis nocht. wreiting in haist frome dachquharand. this mounday, at wiiij houris.—Be youris brodir at powir, thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my brodir the lard of barnbarache.

Letter from the MASTER OF ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 24th July 1588.

My lord and father, efter my veiray hartlie commendationis,

<sup>1</sup> First Marquis of Hamilton, who married the widow of fourth Earl Cassillis.

<sup>2</sup> Lord Glammis, Chancellor, who died 17th March 1577-80, was tutor before Sir Thomas Kennedy.

I haue ressauit your (lo) letter, and hes considerit the contentis thairoff, giffand your lo maist hartlie thankis for your lo guidwill and favour schawin now to me as of befor. I haue directit this berar, patrik Munteith, to your (lo) and to the laird of garlyis To requeist your (lo) to speik the laird of garlyes for the dewteis of the priorie of quhithorne, quhilk he is addettit to me as your (lo) knawis, and to delyuer the samen to the berar to satisfie sic creditouris as I am adettit to in edy<sup>r</sup>, as he can schaw your (lo); quhom your lo pleis credit in ony thing that he sall declair to your (lo) in my name. Referring the rest thairto, and new occasioun, committis your (lo) to the protection of the almychtie god. ffrom kirkwall the xxiiij of July 1588.—Be Your lo sone at power, M<sup>r</sup> of Orkney.

To my verray guid Lord my lord of  
barnebaroch this be Delyuerit.

Receipt by Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar for repayment of  
forty "Angellis" of gold, 27th July 1588.

I, Sir Johne Gordoun of Lochinwar, knycht, grantis me to hawe resavit fra the hand of m<sup>r</sup> Sir Patrik Vaus of barnebarroch, knycht, the number of fourtie Angellis of gold, borrowit fra me be the said Sir Patrik, quhairof I hawe his obligatioun: of the quhilk fourtie Angellis of gold I hold me weill content and payit, and exhoneris the said Sir patrik of the same for ever, and grantis the obligatioun deleverit be him to me thairof satisfied in all poyntis, and dischairgis him of the samyn for ever. Be thir presentis, subscryvit with my hand at ed<sup>r</sup> the xxvii day of Julij, the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> foresoir aucht yeiris, befor thir witness James M<sup>c</sup>culloch of drummorrell, willame gordoun, and James gordoun, my servandis, lochinver.

On back—lochinvarris acquittance of  
xl angell nobillis.

Letter (in Latin) from GERHARDUS RANTHOUIS, from Cronenberg to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 23d August 1588.

Magnifice, clarissime, ac nobilissime Domine, amice, propensâ

benevolentia colende, etsi hoc tempore quod communicam tua mag:<sup>1</sup> nihil singulare constat, tamen, nactus hac scribendi oportunitate, hisce meis literis te inuisere placuit.

Huc accedit, magnifice Domine, tuos adolescentes nobiles, Hinricum lausonium, et Ericum Banner, adducendos tecum in Scotiam, uberioris cognitionis gratiâ, hic in Dania tua autoritate commisisse, Repetisse autem Hinricum ante semestre patrios lares, mihi est relatum Johannem Vallas,<sup>2</sup> cognatum tuum, qui aliquandiu hic apud me moram fecit, ante semestris spatium ad aliquem sui amicum, Dominum nobilem Suecicum, Andreas Ket nomine, profectum, ut iam non dubitem, quin in Scotiam peruenerit.

Cum autem Ericus Banner, ad uberiolem cognitionem adipiscendam idoneus, aut mihi tua mag: eum per presentem meum ministrum, Hermannum von saxe, statim mihi remittere dignetur, etiam atque etiam oro. Vicissim in similibus et paribus officiorum generibus me tua mag: promptissimum atque teriustissimum habebit. Hisce te omnipotenti Deo commendo. Vale. Data cleri manu Cronenberg 23 Augusti Anno 88.

Si quid nouarum apud uos percrebuerit, mihi ut communices magnopere peto, Gerhardus Ranthouis.<sup>3</sup>

Magnifico, clarissimo, ac nobilissimo Domino, Patricio Vausius, Baroni a Barnbarrathe, equiti aurato, serenissimi Regis Scotorum legato, ac consiliario, Domino ac amico suo colendo. ad manum.

Letter from JOHN RUSSELL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
4th October 1588.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendationis, I haif directit this berar purpoislie to your (ll) for the siluer quhilk suld be pait be your (ll) to me befor martimes, And to mak your ll foirsein

<sup>1</sup> Magnificientia.

<sup>2</sup> Wallace.

<sup>3</sup> Bredon Ranzou was the ambassador of Denmark who accompanied Queen Anne to Scotland in April 1580.—*Marriage of James VI.*, Edinburgh, 1828, Bannatyne Club.

that I be nocht disapontit thairof. The treut Is I man delyuer to the laird of Blakbaronie, for my ludgeing quhairin I dwell, aucht dayis befor mertimes, the sovme of four thowsand merkis, and hes promesit the same wpon my honestie and creideit, Sua that I may one nawayis disapoint the gentill man ; Besydis that in cais I suld nocht end with him at this tyme It will turne to my greit hurt. heirfoir I beseik your (ll), seing that sovme quhilk is in your l handis Is ane guid part of that quhilk man be delyuerit, that your ll (all excuses set asyd) will nocht fail to haif it radie agane the first of the nixt moneth, as ewir your ll luikis to haif power to command me, and all the geir I haif. I am assurit, albeit your ll war nocht addettit to me, yit I haifing sic ane necesser turne to do, I mycht haif power to borrow sa mekle fra' your (ll) ; ffor your (ll) salbe assured quhenewir your ll sall haif to do to your honour, and haif power to command me, and all that I haif ; and thairfoir I luik for the lyk, your ll knawis how that continowallie, sen my renunciatioun of the landis of kinnocher, I haif biddin your ll laser paciëntlie in this mater, now thrie yeiris bygane with the mair, and war nocht your ll was vpon your journey to denmark this last mertymes, I culd nawayis haif gudelie wantit it. And I know perfytlie now your (ll) hes that commoditie to do that turne at your plesour, lyk as your (ll) rememberis ye promesit faytfullie It suld be done. I haif lettres to denunce your ll vpon ane simpill charge of sex dayis according to your obligatioun registrat, bot I thocht nocht expedient to send the same In, seing I am assured I neid nather to vse chargis to move your ll to do your dewtie ; bot gif your (ll) mein ony wayis to delay me, I wilbe compellit of necessitie to vse the same ; And thairfoir luiking for your (l) resolut anser in wreit with this berar, with my hartlie commendationis to your ll bedfellow, I commit yow to god. frome ardininstinschar, the 4 of october, 1588.—  
Your ll Awin to be commandit, Jo. Russell.

as for newis the crovnar<sup>1</sup> is past to Denmark in commissione.  
To the honorabill the Laird of Bairnbaro.

<sup>1</sup> Colonel Stewart, who was sent on his mission in August, and returned on 15th November (*Moyse's Memoirs*).

Discharge by Mr JOHN RUSSELL to Sir PATRICK WAUS,  
1st January 1588-9.

I Maister Johnne Russall, aduocat, be the tenor heirof grantis me to haif ressauit fra Dauid reid, aduocat, In name and behalf of Sir patrik vaus of Barinbarro, knycht, the sovme of fourten hundrethe and nyne merkis, addettit to me be the said Ser patrik, In respect quhairof, and that the said Dauid be his lettres obligatoris Is becum bund and oblesit to retein in his handis to my beheiste ane greit chenzie of gold, pertening to the said Ser patrik, weyand and contenand threttein scoir and threttein Linkis, quhill I be compleitlie pait of the sovme of twa hundret and nyne merkis, restane awand vnpaid to me be the said Ser patrik. Thairfoir to haif renuncit and dischargit, and be thir presentis renunes and dischargis the obligatoris maid and grantit to me be the said Ser patrik, registrat in the buikis of consall, be the quhilkis he was bund and oblesit to mak me payment of the sovme of fyftein hundrethe and fourtie merkis, as in the same at mair lent contenit, with all executione that may follow thairvpon; And for the mair securitie I am content and consentis that thir presentis be registrat in the buikis of consall ad futuram rei memoriam, And for registering thairof makis and constitutis

And ilk ane of thame, coniunctlie and seuerallie, To compeir for me and consent thairto. In witnes quhairof I haif subscriyuit thir presentis with my hand, at edy<sup>r</sup> the first day of Januar 1588 yeris. Befoir thir witnes Mr Ro<sup>t</sup> Irving, Johnne crysteson, my seruitoris, with vtheris dyuerssis.

Jo. Russell.

Mr Ro<sup>t</sup> Irving.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick Waus]—

Mr Johnes Russellis acquittance of all siluer In avyn hym.

Letter from MARGARET LYON, LADY HAMILTON, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1st June 1589.

My Lord, Eftir my verray hartlie commendatioun, It is nocht vnknawin to your (ll) of the actioun depending betuix the Lady



Loichermoss, me, and my tenentis, in the quhilk actioun thair is certane witnessis to be resait on tyisday nixt. I assuir your (ll) that the said actioun hes na grond bot vpoun conscience nor ressoun; and as twicheing the pointis quhilk the said Lady hes offerit to prove, scho is plainlie myndit to vse falss probation thairintill baith be word and writ; and scho is sa heavelie menit be the Lordis for hir Inopportune crying, that thai beleave all is trew scho sayis, and my puir tenentis can haue na iustice. Thairfoir I will pray your (ll) maist ernistlie that ye will nocht fail to sit thair but your self vpoun tyisday to sie that na falset tak that mater away, and that na man be admittit bot sic as ressoun wald, and that Lykwys ye wald nocht fail to heir thame exhaminat efternone, that ye may sie that our Interrogatoris be nocht omittit, nor na collusioun be vsit heirin. This my ressonable deser I beleave your (ll) will nawyis pretermitt, as ye will do me pleser, for I seik noght bot the treuth to be tryit. swa leving to truble your (ll) with forder at the present, I commit your (ll) to goddis protectioun. from hamilton, this first of Junij 1589.—Your guid frend at power,

Margaret Iyoun.

To the richt honorable the Laird of barnebarroch.

Letter from the MASTER OF ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 22d June 1589.

My lord and fathair, efter my werie hairtlie commendationis It will pleyss your (l) that, amangis the rest of newis frome court, It is reportit be sundreis Resorting to this cuntrey that thair is ane piirat callit petersoun tane, quha hes, as is allegit, ane wrytting of my lord my fatheris, derect To the prence of parma, and the said allegit writ apprehendit may carrie sum Inconvenient, and preiudice to my lord and me, In cais the samen wer not prevented be dealegente foirsycht; quhilkis to heir of is ane greit mistre to me, seing the wncertente of the samen, and als how vncredabill It appeiris to me; ffor the quhilkis caussis I am movit to derect the beirar toward yow with thir few lynis, dissyring and requesting your (lo) to try and serche

furth the merite of this matter, geve ony sic letter be, or forder credet to the beirar the contentis thairrof, and geve oney dainger may follow thair vpoun, and, as your (lo) findis, to mak me Informatioun be the samen beirar; to gidder with your (lo) guid aduysit consell, geve oney sic thing be, quhat salbe maist convenient for me to do thairanent, for I am bald and hamelie to preis your (lo) with panis in this and vthair my caussis, as your (Lo) sall haif power to command me to all honorabill and lesum caussis your (Lo) belonging to. Sua Leving to trubill your (lo) forder with langer letter, we pray god to haiff your (Lo) in his graice. of kirkwall this xxij day of Junij 1589.—Youris Lo to be commandit at power, Mr of orknay.

It will pleyss your Lo to haist and drect Dauid kennedie heir to this cuntrey with als greit dealegence as your (Lo) may.

[The leaf with address is missing.]

Letter from EDWARD FORRESTER to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
28th June 1589.

My (L), I come in to geif the Jeuellour xx lib, quhilk I had gotin be selling of ane thing and uther, and be sum small dettis Inawing me; bot the Jeuellour hes maist uncourteslie reteynit me heir, quhill I pay him the haill soum. thairfoir I pray your (L) ather send me siluer, or ellis get me out vpon your credeit; for geif your (L) lat me ly heir all this nycht, it wilbe mair to your (L) dishonour nor to my disprofeit. nocht ellis, bot beseikis your (L) to send ane hidder presentlie, for I think mair schame of this half hour by<sup>1</sup> my will, nor for the vther half yeir. fra the tolbuyth, this xxviii of Junij 1589.—Your (L) to be commandit at all power and seruice,

Eduarde forester.

To the rycht Hono<sup>ble</sup> his werie gude lard my (L) barnbarrothe, and in his (L) absence to my ladie.

<sup>1</sup> Against.

Letter from JAMES, LORD LINDSAY, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 6th July 1589.

My lord, efter my wery hartlie commendatioun, pleis your (L) wit my lord sinklar,<sup>1</sup> quha maryit my father sister, hes ane action depending befor your (L), quha is ane of the principall of that college of Justeice. Thairfoir I will request your (L) that he may haif jvsteice, And that your (L) will sie that he get na wrang, for my request. I dowt nocht bot it is schawin your (L) that my lord is nocht callit and oppressit, Bot hald me ane gud nychbour in quhat part that ewer his landis lyis in. I am hamlie with your (L) to sie that nether my lord, nor his sone the maister, my frind, get na wrang, quhilk I dowt nocht bot your (L) will do, as your (L) sall find me redy to comand to the wttermaist of my powr. Nocht ellis, Bot remitting the rest to your (Lo) awn (w),<sup>2</sup> comitts your (l) to the protection of the Lord. from the strudder, the saxt of Julii 1589. —Be youris at power to command, James L. lindsay.<sup>3</sup>

To the Rycht honorabill and gud lord  
my lord of barnebaroche delywer this.

Letter from JOHN, EARL OF CASSILLIS, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 20th July 1589.

Richt honorabill and assurit freind, eftir our hertlie commendatioun, fforsamekill as we understand our cusing the tutor<sup>4</sup> is cum a field to perfyte his tutor comptis, the quhilk geif sua be, we will desyre you that ye will haif attendence to his comptis, and to the forme of the samyn; and, gif it may be considerit or forsene thereby, to our weill that the comptrolling of his

<sup>1</sup> Henry, Master of Sinclair, married Janet, fourth daughter of John, fifth Lord Lindsay.

<sup>2</sup> Probably for "wisdom."

<sup>3</sup> James, seventh Lord Lindsay of Byres, succeeded his father, 11th December 1589.

<sup>4</sup> Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzeane signed, as tutor of Cassillis, his letter of 14th July 1588, and had appointments to keep that month. He was no longer tutor in March 1589-90, so the date of this must be 20th July 1589.

comptis will extend to ony avaiill ffarder nor the last appointment quhilk wes maid amangis us in Ed<sup>r</sup>, that ye and sic as ye thocht meitest, suld had hand thairto; bot, except the samyn nicht work in effect to us quhen ye haif considderit the samyn, we think the contravening of his comptis not neidfull. as annent the particular actionis quhilk we haif to do in the sessioun, we dowt nocht bot ye wilbe als cairfull for our weill as ony may, and that we be nocht preiudgit in ony thing that ye may further us. referring the rest to ye berar, we committ yow in goddis protection. ffrom Sanctandros, the xx of Julij, Be youris assurit ffreind,

Johne, erle of Cassillis.

To the richt hono<sup>ll</sup> and our assurit ffreind

Laird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR of Kinhilt, Younger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 22d July 1589.

Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> and maist speciall eme, efter my hartly commendatioun, ye remember at our last meitting at ed<sup>r</sup> I was ernist with yow for to haif had the soume of ane thowsandis merkis, for to haif done sice<sup>1</sup> necesar besines as ye knaw I had to do in the toun; and now it is of veritie the erle of cassillis hes writtin to me amangis the rest of his freindis and seruandis, and your (l) knawis that I haue bene travellan with your (l) and the tutour to haif purchest me ane roum of the erle of cassillis, and now the tutour thinkis it the meittest tyme that I can haif to get the mater done, when the tutor and curatouris ar al togidder with the erle. Quhairfor I will maist earnestly requeist your (l), as euer I may do yow honour or pleser, that ye wilbe sa guid as to furneiss me ane thowsand merk quhill sax dayis forrow<sup>2</sup> mertimes nixt is, and I sall ressaue bot ix hundreth merkis, and thair salbe ane hundreth gevin for the profeit of it quhill than, and your (l) to bind me alss sicker as your (l) ma devyss, Invnder quhat penultie ye pleiss, and to send in the wryte to me to be subscriuit, or yit to keip the

<sup>1</sup> Sic, such.

<sup>2</sup> Before.

wryte with your (L) self quhill I cum, your (L) promesand to me of your honour credeit that I haif it within sax houris efter my lychtting,<sup>1</sup> vtherwyis your (l) knawis I will nocht cum thair. nocht doutting bot your (l) will do this, as euer I may do your (l) pleser, ather with my bodie or geir, and your (l) wryt quhat I may luik for heirin with all deligence with this berar, ffor your (l) knawis, gyf I ryd, we man be in sanctandrois the x of august, and in ed<sup>r</sup> the xiii; sua gyf your (l) wilbe sa guid as to furneiss it, your (l) man haif the siluer in your awin hand ate the first of august. I will nocht trubill your (l) with langar lettre; with my hartly commendatiounis to my ant, your bedfallow, and all your bairnis. and god preserue your (l) in gude healthe. frome the Insche, the xxii of July, Be your (l) eme at his power to be commandit,

Ninian adair of kenhelt younger.

Your (l) sall keip this wryttin to testifie that I sall keip the substance of the samen gyf your (l) furneiss the siluer.

To the Rycht hono<sup>u</sup> (l) and my speciall eme

my lord of barnbarroche this to be deliuerit.

Letter from JOHN SHEARER, Messenger, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 3d August 1589.

My lord, efter my wery hartlie commendatioun with seruice, your l sall wit that I resaut nocht the lettre fra the berar quhill the xxij of July, and sene syne I haif be diligent hes chergit the tutour, quha hes promissit to bring your l siluer affield with him schortlie. lykwyss I haif chergit florance m'dowall for xxvii merkis, and the gudman of baltersane<sup>2</sup> has gevin me his hand to pay your l in ed<sup>r</sup> the xij of this instant, gif your l will stay horning sa lang; and, gif your l will nocht stay, send me word, and outhur I sall haif payment or ellis horning. I haif resaut fra Johne chalmer ix lib for his tua termes for bromiston.<sup>3</sup> I haif resaut fra Johne cwnygham inster<sup>4</sup> v merkis for his merk land in straton; the gudman of penkell hes promissit his ten

<sup>1</sup> Alighting.

<sup>2</sup> Or Brounston, or Komiston. ? Compstone.

<sup>2</sup> John Kennedy.

<sup>4</sup> Word doubtful.



pundis, to haif it at me this tysday at evin. as to craiggoche ix lib, as I heir say, and the xvi merk of denene xvi lib, and me lordis awin landis, the tutour suld pay, I will keipe the siluer I haif resaut quhill your l send me word gif I sall denunce the tutour, and the rest that payis your l nocht in ed<sup>r</sup>, acording to thair promiss. me lady cassillis man be chergit for the manis and millis of crosragal; gif your l meitis with hir, schow hir l, for I wit nocht what scho payis. nocht ellis for the presente, Bot commend me hartlie seruice to me lady, and god haif your l in keiping. from air, in haist, the thrid of agust 1589. Be your l at all power with seruice,

Johne scherar, messinger.

To the rycht hon<sup>ll</sup> Lord me Lord of barnbarroch

Delyuer this.

Obligation by ARCHIBALD GEDDES to return a Gold Chain,  
7th August 1589.

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres, me archibald geddes burges of edinburch grantis me to haif resaifit furth of the handis of the rycht hon<sup>ll</sup> Ser patrik waus of barnbarrocht, knycht, ane goldin chein of fyne pur gold, veing <sup>1</sup> of Just wecht the nomber of threttie sex vnce, In pledge of sex hundreth merkis guid and vsuall money of this realme, quhilk soum of sex hundreth merkis, guid and wsuall money foirsaid, salbe redelywerit to the said archibald be the said Ser patrik aucht dayis befor mertemes nixtocum, at the quhilk day I the said archibald sall redelywer the foirsaid chein of gold, keipeand the Just wecht aboue writtin. this I bind me to do be this my obligatioun, subscrivit with my hand, or at the leist my mark thairto affixit, at ed<sup>r</sup>, the seivint day of august, the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxxix yeiris. Befoir thir witnes Jhone muir, ar<sup>d</sup> geddes with vtheris dyversis.

Dame kathrein kennedy  
lady baranbarocht.

Endorsed—ar<sup>d</sup> geddes obligatioun.

<sup>1</sup> Weighing.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
30th August 1589.

Rycht traist Counsellour We greit yow weill, Oure mariage now at godis plesoure being concludit, and the Quene our bedfallow hourlie louked for to arryve, It becummis ws to haue sic as accompaneis hir weill and honorable interteneyit, as our ambassadouris hes fund the lyke in pruiiff alreddy. To the fortherance quhairof we mon employe the guid will of oure loving subiectis of best affectionne and habilitie, and thairfore ernestlie and effectouslie desyris yow that ye will send hither, to the help of the honorable charges to be maid in this actioun, sic quantitie of fatt beif and muttoun on fute, wyld foulis, and vennysoun, or vther stuff meit for this purpois, as possiblie ye may provyde and furneiss of your awin, or be your moyane; and exped the same heir with all diligence efter the ressait of this our lettre, and delyuer it to our seruitour Walter Neische, Maister of our Lardner, quhome we have appontit to resauie the same, and gif his tickat thairvpone, That he may particularlie knaw the gudewillis of all men, and acknowlege it accordinglie quhen time seruis; and that ye delyuer your tickat of that quhilk ye send to ane of our Maister Houshaldis, quha sall attend thairvpoun, aduertising him quhat salbe lyppinnit for that<sup>1</sup> . . . as ye will do ws rycht acceptable plessour and seruice. And swa for the present committis yow to god. At Edinbrucht, the penult day of August 1589.

James R.

To our Rycht traist counsallour Sir Patrick Vaus of barnebarrauch knyght ane of the senatouris of our college of iustice.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
30th August 1589.

Trusty and weilbelouit Counsellour We greit yow hairtlie weill. Oure mareage now at Godis plesour being concludit, and

<sup>1</sup> The paper is gone here.

the Quene our bedfallow hourlie loukit for to arryve, honorabillie accompaneit, It becumis ws to haue the maist honorable and honest of our gude subiectis with ws at that tyme, And thairfoir we will earnestlie and effectiuouslie requir yow that ye failt nocht, all excusis sett apairt, to be with ws at Halierudehous, or quhair we salbe, with all gude diligence eftir the ressait heiroy, with na gryte nvmer bot ane certaine of your honest freindis and seruandis, maist habill, and of best equippage, hes na quarrell, nor ar nocht of thame selfis querreluis, to accompanie ws during the tyme of the solemnitie, and that ye knaw our forther plessar; As ye will do ws richt thankfull service to be rememberit quhene tyme and gude occasioun sall serve. And this committis yow to God. At Edinbrucht the penult day of August 1589.

James R.

To our trusty and weilbelouit counsalour Sir patrik vauis of barnebarrocht, knycht, ane of the senatouris of our college of iustice.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
10th September 1589.

Trusty and weilbelouit Counsellour We greit yow hertly weil. We have some speciall personis to conferre with yow vpon quhilk necessarily requiris your spedy presence, and thairfoir we desyr yow effectuouslie That ye failt not to address yow to ws with all diligence eftir the ressait heiroy, all excuses set apart. The occasioun ye sall knaw at your cuming, quhairvnto referring the mair speciall declaratioun of our mynd, and willing yow to vse diligence as ye will do ws thankfull pleser and gude, committis yow in the protectioun of God. at Seytoun, the tent day of September 1589.

James R.

To our trusty and weilbelouit Counsellour  
the Laird of Barnbarrauch.

[The King had been married by proxy in August; the Queen had been expected to arrive, and was at this date unaccountably delayed; this letter is dated from Setoun the house of Mr

Peter Young, who had been Sir Patrick's colleague in his embassy to Denmark in 1587.]

Discharges by Sir PATRICK WAUS for the "cote" (the Rate exacted for confirming Wills) for the years 1583 to 1589.

I Ser patrik waus of barnbarroche, knyght, grantis me compleit paytt of the soume of iiij<sup>c</sup> vii lbs vii ss, in compleit payment of my resydenche, as for the cottsiluer of the testamentis, fra the xxv day of marche and the 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxx thre, to the fyrst of novembar in the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxx sex yeris, contenand in the haille to sewin termis, of the quhilk soume of fovyv hundyrrethe sevyn poundis vii ss, in compleit paymentt as saidis, I grant me thankfullie paytt, thairfor dischargis M<sup>r</sup> alex<sup>r</sup> levynstoune, collectour for the Ingatteryne of the cott siluer, and of all vther termis precedeyn the said fyrst of nouembar. And als dischargis all vtheris haiffand entress be thir presentis for euer. In witness heirof I haife subscrivit this present vyth my hand, at Edy<sup>t</sup>, the 3 of May, anno 1587, befovyv thir vitnessis, dauid kennedy, archebald mvyr, and alex<sup>r</sup> vaus, vyth vtheris diuersis.

Barnbarrache.

I ser patrik waus of barnbarrache, knyght, grantis me to haife ressaut fovyrschoyr twa pundis, as compleit payment of my resydenche vpon the sessione fra the vidsonday in anno Lxxx sex to the fyrst of novembar in anno Lxxx sevyn yeris, of the quhilk soume In compleit payment, as saidis, I grant me thankfullie and compleit paytt fra M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> levyston, collectour of the cotsiluer, and thairfoir exonoris, and dischargis the said M<sup>r</sup> alex<sup>r</sup>, his ayris, and ex<sup>oris</sup>, and of all vtheris termis precedeyn the said fyrst of nouembar, be thir presenttis, Subscrivit vyth my hand at Edy<sup>t</sup>, the sevyn day of marche, in the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxx sevyn yeris.

Barnbarrache.

Mayr ressaut fra the said M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup>, day, yeir, and plaice, foyrsaidis ten pvundis money.

Barnebarrache.

Item mayr ressaut fra the said M<sup>r</sup> alex<sup>r</sup> to ane guid compte, the xxix day of Junii, fyftetwa pundls be thir presentis wreittyngis, Subscryvit vyth my hand the day foyrsaid.

Barnbarrache.

thair is na mentioun maid in this acquittance of the yeir of god, albeit I delyuerit the samin in the Lxxxviiij yeir in twentie crownis of the sone, extending to fiftie twa poundis.

Item mayr ressaut fra the said M<sup>r</sup> alex<sup>r</sup>, cottor, ten cronis of the sone, extending to twenty sex libs money, of the cott siluer to ane guid compte of the yeiris of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxx sewyn, and Lxxx acht yeris, ressaut the 9 of august 1588.

Barnbarrache.

Mair delyuerit wpone ane precept to Cuthbert forrest, for the quot and pruing of the testament of wmqle gillaspie m<sup>c</sup>crakane, nyne poundis.

Mair debursit for my lordis part of the taxatioun, threttie poundis.

Mair ressaut the 3 of fa<sup>r</sup> 1588 xL libs.

Letter from Sir JAMES DOUGLAS of Drumlanrig to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1st January 1589-90.

Efter my verie hartlie commendatioun, pleis your L vnderstand that ane seruand of myne, callit James Gibsonn, is persewit be the Lard Auchingassill,<sup>1</sup> and the kingis aduocat, for producteon and improbatioun of ane letter of tak, set be the said lard auchingassill to him, of the landis of glenfreucheoche; In to the quhilk persuit of improbation the pur man is verie evill handillit, and maliciouslie dissaut be the lard of Auchingassill in the said tak, for he, being ane pur ignorant man, and having bene possesser of that land callit glenfreucheoche, and his tak expyrit, he agreis with the lard auchingassill for ane sevin yeir tak of the said rowme, the entres thair of to begin at witsondy in the Lxxxvi yeir of god; and, or<sup>2</sup> the entrie of this sevin yeir

<sup>1</sup> Maitland of Auchengassill seems to have been a man of influence in Nithsdale.

<sup>2</sup> Before.



tak, his m<sup>r</sup> (master) and he agreis of new for ane xix yeir tak, the entrie thair of to begin at the said witsondy anno Lxxxvi; for the quhilk 19 yeir tak this puir man giffis the lard ane greit entres, and than dischargeit the first sevin yeir tak, as also the said James Gibson giffis the lard than afoir the hand thrie yeris foirmaill of the saidis landis, extending to ix<sup>ce</sup> poundis. I think the entries of the saidis xix yeir tak, and the said foremaill, come to mair nor fywe (5) hundreth merkis, besyd the entres of the first sevin yeir tak, quhilk wes than dischargeit and deliuerit to the lard to be cancelleit. Sua the lard Auchingassill and this puir man being agreit, they send for ane notar, callit Robert phelepe, to mak the said tak and discharge of the thrie yeris foirmaill, to quhom the lard declarit this haill agriement, baith concerning the tak and the discharge, and that he wes satisfyit for all, and gaif the said notare information and command to mak the saidis writtis, and he wald subscriyve tham; and, conforme to the lard Auchingassillis desyir, the said notar baith formeit this tak, and the discharge, and at his command to his place of Auchingassill tua seuerall tymes. bot ay quhen the noter come the lard absentit and denyit himselff, To the effect he mycht get the notar away, that he mycht dissaif the puir ignorant man, quha culd nether reid nor wryit, in the subscriyving the writtis. Sua, the notar beand past and left, the saidis writtis formeit as he gat command fra the lard, The lard schortlie thairefter sendis for the puir man, and ane vther of his awin tennentis to be witness, commandand him to bring they lettres with him, and he wald subscriyve thame. At the appoyntit place the lard and the puir man meittis togither, with this vther honest man, and the lardis awin brother callit James Maitland, to be witnesses; beand all convenit the lard takkis the discharge fra the puir man to red, and in the tyme of the reiding thair of he convoyit him and the vther honest man, quha wes to be ane of the witnesses, by <sup>1</sup> with this cullour,<sup>2</sup> sayaing, James Hunter (for sa wes the uthir honest man callit), ye sall remember the siluir that Dorathie (meining be his awin wyf) bad yow borow; and than this James Hunter tuik this puir

<sup>1</sup> Away.<sup>2</sup> Pretext.

man by<sup>1</sup> to borow that siluir fra, and or<sup>2</sup> they come agane the lard had ane discharge provydid of thrie yeris maill than bygane, quhilk it suld haif bene of thrie yeris maill than to cum, quhilk he subscriyvit, and sua falslie and malitiouslie dissaut the puir man in his discharge; and nocht content with that, as he resave the tak fra him to subscriyve, he red the samen, and with his awin hand put in the place, the dait, and the witnesses, causand the puir man beleif he had than subscriyueit it, and syne gaif it to his brother, quha wes ane of the witnesses, to subscriyve as witness, Quha, according to the lardis direction, wrait the subscription, like as the said lardis hand writ, and his brotheris, will testifie; and than the lard faldit up they tua lettres, and gaif the puir man, Quha knew nothing, but brocht thame hame vnlukeit, geveand his mair credence In respect he culd nether reid nor wryit, Beand ane puir sempill creatour, as your l may persaif by him. Sua I dout nocht bot your l Be this my discourss vnderstandis the greit dissait the lard auchingassill hes done to this puir man, Baith in his tak and discharge, like as I nicht declair sundrie dissaitfull turnes he hes vseit to him, wer nocht I wald be tedious; As how in ane morning befor day he send for this puir man to meit him, and bring his Richtis with him, And at the place quhair he appoyntit the puir man to meit him he caussit tua bordour men to cum and Ryip<sup>3</sup> him for his saids Rychtis; this was reueillit to me be ane of the men wes the doeris thairof, And sua your l may esilie persaif the fraud that he hes vseit to this puir man, and thairfoir I will pray your l verie effectuouslie, for ony sted or plessor I can euir be to your l, to be sa guid as to hald hand to this puir mannis caus quhen it cummis in ressoning, and remember the samen, and se that he get na wrang, bot resaif Justice conform to the equitie of his caus. For of my honour this is the verie treuth of the mater. Remitting to trubill your l with langer lettre, commit your l in godis protectioun. from Drumlangrig, fyrst Januar 1589.—Youris l assureit freynd, Drumlangrig.

To the rycht Ho<sup>l</sup>, and his assureit guid freind,  
the laird of Barnebarroche.

<sup>1</sup> Away.

<sup>2</sup> Before.

<sup>3</sup> Search, rype-pouch, pickpocket.

[The next letter is not dated, but being from the same to the same it may well follow here.]

Letter from Sir JAMES DOUGLAS of Drumlanrig to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

It will pleis your L that this nicht I, being adverteist of ane litill suddentie fallin out in the cuntrie amang sum tennentis of my awin, I am movit to ryde soner nor I wes myndit; and in respect of ane mater I haiff ado contrair the Lord Maxwell, I thocht to haiff conferit thairintill with your l afor my passing: Quhairfoir I will requeist your l maist effectiouslie to excuse my departing without taking leif of your l, and, quhen this mater commis In, that your l will be sa gude to tak attendence thairto, that I get iustice, for I haiff warit my geir upoun this turne verie largelie, and all to hald me out of cummer with my Lord Maxwell, for giff he be nocht Juge to my tennentis, I haiff no particular bot the causs of that is commoun to the haill baronis, quhom your l Is ane als weill as I. I will nocht trubill your l langer for the present, Bot referring credite to the berar, and luikeing assuritlie for your l counsall and assistance in this mater sa far as the law leiffis, lyke as your l hes powar to command me and all myne at the uttermeist, and sua committis your l to Godis Protectioun. At Ed<sup>r</sup>, this Sondy at nicht.—Your l Assurit at powar to be commandit, J. Drumlanrig.

To his verrie gude lord  
My lord of Barnebarrach.

Letter from the EARL OF HUNTLY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 18th January 1589-90.

My Lord, efter my warie hairtlie commendationis, I have upon sume necesair reasonis derectit this berair, my cousing, to acquent your (L) with my mynd in sindre materis tedious to wreit, quhome your L will credeit as my selff. Maist hairtlie desyring your L to lat him find your fawourable advice and concurrence in sick affaris as I have comittit to his chairg,

The relation quhairof Remitting to his awin sufficiencie, Comittis your L in godis protectioun. at boig of gyht<sup>1</sup> this xviii of Januair 1589.—Your lo verray assurit guid freind,

Huntlye.

To my warie gude lord  
My lord off barinbarrowe.

Letter from the EARL OF MORTON to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 30th January 1589-90.

My loird, efter my verie hartlie commendationis, This berar, Grissell maxwell my freind, hes actionis dependand befoir your (l) againis James dowglas<sup>2</sup> sone to george Dowglas of parkheid, concernyng the landis of Tarthorwald, as scho will inform your (l) at lenth. And becaus scho is left bie the deceis of hir husband without help and suppoirt, and hes mony bayrnis, I will thairfoir recommend hir to your (l) as my speciall freind, desyryng your (l) to sie hir get Justice; and the rather for this my requeist, Becaus I am honour obleist to do for hir. Sa leving to truble your (l) with forther lettre, assuring your (l) of quhat pleser lyis in me quhen ye sall charge, I commit your (l) to the protectioun of the almychtie god. ffrom drumfreis, the penult day of January 1589.—Your (L) assurit freind,

Mortoun.<sup>3</sup>

[Address is cut off.]

[The signature to the following letter is peculiar, and may be "Failfurde;" if so the writer was probably William Wallace, minister of Failford, who signed as a witness a charter dated at "Upslo 29th Nov<sup>r</sup> 1589," and granted by the king to Sir Patrick Waus. He calls Sir Patrick's wife his father's sister, and she was his half-sister, for her mother was the widow of Wallace of Craigie, whose son the minister of Failford was.]

<sup>1</sup> Bog of Gicht.

<sup>2</sup> This may be the James Douglas of Torthoreall, who in 1596 killed James Stewart, sometime Earl of Arran, in revenge for the part he took in bringing his uncle, James, Earl of Morton, to the scaffold.

<sup>3</sup> John, Earl of Morton, formerly Lord Maxwell.



Letter, signed "FAILFURDE" from ELSINORE to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th February 1589-90.

My Lord eftir my hartly commendatioun with seruice, seing I haue had oportunitie of ane berar, according to my bund dewtie I thocht guid to let your L wndirstand sick thingis as heir occurris: eftir your L departit of Wpslo we passit schortlie to Denmark, quhair we war ane monethe on our journey or we arryuit at Alchunour: we (wer) honorable convoyit and bankettit in ba hous, and waidberie, sax dayis in euerie ane of thame, and honorable resaut and convoyit in Sweyner. thair hes bene some hanking<sup>1</sup> amangis our lordis, bot the k hes pacifiet it, the justice clark is direct away till Ingland with my lord chancer is to gang to lubik, with quhome I intend to gang with. I haue ane gift to be ane of the k caruouris and cupperis and sewaris, and hes euer seruit in my office sen your L departit. we haue had greit honouris doun ws in Denmark, and braue Intertenment, and passis the tyme merilie in hunting, bot we die for threst and worme vobbis<sup>2</sup> groingis in our thrott: the, k, m, rememberis of<sup>3</sup> tymes of deuis.<sup>4</sup> of my heit I assur your L yea ar ane greit man in his buikis; I had<sup>5</sup> his, g, tell his guid mother of your L guid seruice, and how ye prikit in your lytle schip. We luik schortlie for schippis out of Scotland, for the densis<sup>6</sup> hes promiseit rady agane the first of Aprile. I sie the, k, docher will nocht be broikin, quhilk hes crabit mony, bot I hoip it salbe fund for the best: gif ony thing gang wrang concerning me in the sessioun, I man wyt your L now in my absens. Send me your L lettir in the nixt schippis that commis af Scotland, as also gif thair waik ony thing fallen in his m handis, aduerteiss me. This I dout bot your L will do, as my traist is in your L. Swa nocht trubling your L farther at this present, eftir my hartly recommendatiounis being rememberit to my Lady, my father sister, your L bedfallow, and to Johnne your L sone, I commit

<sup>1</sup> Contention (see Melville's Memoirs, p. 182).

<sup>3</sup> Oft.

<sup>4</sup> Dives (and Lazarus).

<sup>6</sup> Danes.

<sup>2</sup> Cobwebs.

<sup>5</sup> Heard.



your L to god. of Alchuno<sup>r</sup> the xii day of februar.—Youris L evir on the auld maner to be commandit at poar, Failfurd.

I maid your L commendatiouns to gerd ransoun,<sup>1</sup> ramelionus burghmaister, and all vther of your L acquytance. the k, hes dynit in the burgmastiris hous, and lykis him weill. I commendit your L lykvys to your L auld ost richardus.<sup>2</sup>

To his werie gud Lord the larde of barnbaroch.

[On the back of this letter is a list of the Royal Family.]

Written on the back of letter signed "FAILFURDE,"

12th February 1589-90.

The names of the king, quene moder, prences, prencesses,  
being thre sonnys and four dochteris in number.

Sofia, the quene moder.

cherstiane, young king, sone to king fredrik the secund.

hertik, olderman, Duik of hoster, all succeed hertik handis.

Elizabaithe, eldest dochter, future to the Duik of brounesweik.

Anna, quene of Scottis.

Agusta.

hedewerk.

The names of the four Regenttis.

Nicolaus Carss, chancellor.

patrus monk, admirall.

patrik guldlester, marschell.

gorge rehewtrame.

The counsall.

christopherus Walkendus thesaurar.

Stevin braw, capitaine of Alsenburche.

gorge traun.

halo vlstand.

manderus paslay.

henrik belo.

hector harevielek.

actor gudlister, capitaine of the castell of vpslothe.

Torintus vffert.

henrik braw.

albert freiche.

abhelone goge.

Braid Ranhelm.

Arell quhytfeld.

James sukesuird.

cristus scheild.

<sup>1</sup> See his letter, p. 429.

<sup>2</sup> i.e., Wedderburn, who received him on his embassy, see Journal, p. 396.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
21st February 1589-90.

Trustie and weilbelovit Counsallour, we greit yow hartlie weill. The cair quhilk we maun haue in honour to sie the gentilmen designit for oure convoy weill vnit and intertenit in our realme, and the necessitie of our estate vnabling ws to do it of our awin, hes mowit ws to commit that burding to sum speciallis of our counsall, quha in abilitie, and affectioun to our honour, are thocht maist likelie to discharge that turne; amangis the quhilkis as we haif speciallie maid chois of yow. Sa will we rycht affectuouuslie desire yow that vpoun sicht heirof ye fail nocht with all diligence to addres yow to our secreit counsale, quha will acquent yow with the ordour we haue set down, and sent thame, and quhairwnto We will maist earnestlie requeist yow that, all excusis set asyde, ye will conforme yow for your pairt, and thairin testifie vnto ws your cair of our said honour, and the gude will ye carie to sie it relewit of this strait amangis the rest: as ye will do ws richt memorable and thankfull pleaser. Sua resting that in this ye wilbe laith to disapoint our expectatioun, We commit yow to God. frome Cronebourg this xxi of februlare 1589,

James R.

To our trustie and weilbelouit counsallour  
the Laird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from the EARL OF MONTROSE to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 22d February 1589-90.

My lord, efter my werrie hartlie commendationis, in respect that my cusing william graham of badevy hes ane particular action, aduocatit be your (lo) vnto your selfis, concerning the assyss of idiotre, quhilk the constabill of dunde<sup>1</sup> thocht to haue led aganis the lard of Lawis; heirfoir sen the actioun dependis befor your (lo), I will maist effectuouuslie requeist your (lo) that

<sup>1</sup> James Scrymgeour of Dudop, Constable and Provost of Dundee. He was ambassador to Denmark with the Earl Marischal and Lord Dingwall, to complete the king's marriage with the Princess Anne in the previous summer.

my said cousing get na wrang, bot rather furtherit sa fer as your (lo) may of ressoun and conscience in the said mater, as the particular thairof he vill Informe your (lo) at mair lenth, quhom pleis credit. nocht dovting bot your (lo) wil lat him vndirstand of your fauour and furtherance for this my requeist, as I salbe villing to aquyt your (lo) gudvill with sic pleser as your (lo) pleissis Imploy me with heirefter. remitting ferder to the suffi-  
ciensy of the berar, and your (lo) avin visdome, committis your (lo) in protectioun of the Almychte. fra kincarding, this xxii of Fe<sup>r</sup> 1589.—Your (lo) assurit at povir, Montrose.

To his rycht trest freind the

Laird of barnbarroche.

Letter from JOHN SHEARER, Messenger, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 2d March 1589-90.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun with seruice, nocht foryettand my lady, I haif resautit your l, wrtting fra the berar, makan mentioun that I haif done nathing in your (l) byssines concerning your (l) sonniss lettres. your (l) sall wit that I vseit the lettres baith aganis dauid graham, taxman, and the parochinaris wnto the tyme that he gat suspensioun, and dischergit me thair with, and I writ to your L of befoir of the samen, and your l promissit be your l writtin to get protestatioun againe the suspention, and to send the samen to me, quhilk is nocht done. your l cnawis that, gif ane officer be anis dyschergit be suspentioun, he may nocht proceid quhill protestation be had agane, and be ordanit be the lordis of the sessioun to put the said lettres to further executioun; thairfoir me lord get ye the protestatioun, and send the samen to me, And with all diligence your (l) sall owther haif payment of the monkis portionis, or ellis horning. further as quhair your (l) writtis about the few maillis of corsragall, your l hes resautit all the maillis thairof except me lord of cassillis few maillis of his landis, quhilk payis to me lord ferme, and of the tutoris landis of craigoth, gif the tutor payit nocht your (l) for the samen at his being last in ed<sup>r</sup>, as he promissit to me that he suld pay

your l for his awin landis of craiggoth. your (l) sall wit senne I resaut your (l) last writting I raid throw all my lord of cassillis few landis of corsragall, and chergit tham with payment, But I culd nocht tell tham quhat siluer payment thai suld pay, nor yit thai culd nocht tell thame selffis quhat is contenit in my lordis few chartor, for thai pay ferme. thair anser was assur tham quhat few maillis my lord is addettit for the landis, and according to Ilk ane of thair awin partis they suld mak payment of this last yeir, becaus the samen dewtie is in thair handis as yit, provydding your (l) send tham your acquittance, and tak in hand to warrand tham at me lordis handis, and the rest of the curatouris, and as to the yeir of befor, your (l) man caus the tutor to pay the rest that he hes nocht payit, thairfor your (l) man caus seik out the registrar of the confermationis, and thair your (l) will get the confermation of me lordis few chartor, quhilk was confermit and registrat the Lxxv yeir of god sa far as I can speir, and thair caus draw out quhat Ilk land of the landis of Drumgilloth, balerystene, lyall, denene, and the manis and mylne of corsragall payis yeirlie of few maillis, with the augmentation, and send the samen to me, that I may directlie crave tham for the samen, with your (l) dischergis to the tennandis, and than your (l) sall owther haif payment with expeditioun, or thame all denuncit to the horne that will nocht pay wther wayis. I can nocht cherge Bot generallie, quhilk will nocht be haddin lauchtfull execution, for Dene gilbert can nocht tell quhat is contenit in me lordis few chartor, sua your (l) man caus seik out the registrar, and send the dracht of the dewtie to me. as to the place of corsragall, the laird of knockdoliane hes nocht bene in this cuntrie sen afor mertymes, and sasone as he delyueris the place the pur men that hes the yardis will gif our thair yardis, and tak of your l of new agane. leiffing all vther thingis to your l aduertissement, committis your (l) to god. from air this secund of merche 1589. —Be your l at all power with seruice,

Johnne scherar, messinger.

To the Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> the Laird of barnebarrache

Delyuer this in hand.

Letter from Sir THOMAS KENNEDY of Colzean to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 7th March 1589-90.

Broder, eftir my hartlie commendation, I ressaut your lettir, and hes considerit the effect thairof; and anent your lettir, quhilk I wrait to yow to haue ressaut, the sam wes neglectit, and left at hame. alwayis ye sall ressaue the samen fra this berare. As anent your awin materis In this cuntrie, ye will know the estait of the samen best at your awin cuming. And concerning the particular effairs that I haue to do, and my lordis bessiness I salbe godwilling on furisday or fryday nixt at yow, gif I may able to ryde or trawell, quhairof I haue lytill apperance at the present; and gif It be swa that I may nocht trawell, I sall send ane to yow about that tyme, At quhilk tyme I sall direct with the berare than farder of my mynd thairanent. Referring the rest thairto, I commit yow to godis protection. off Maybole the vii day of merche 1589.—Yor assurit freind,  
Culzeane.<sup>1</sup>

To my weilbeluifit broder  
The laird of Barnbarrache.

Discharge by JOHN GIBSON for Freight of Ship to Norway,  
March 1589-90.

I Johne Gibsoun, indueller in Leith, skippar of the schip callit The Falcoun, grantis me be thir presentes to be fullelie satisfeit, and compleitlie payit, of all and hail the frawcht, and vther dewities, or casualitie, quhatsumeuir, promittit or pertening to me, alsweill for my awin particulare, as for the saidis schippis frawcht, and companies hyres, that salit in hir In and for the voyage, and transport of the rycht honorabill Sir Patrik Waus of Barnbarroch, knycht, his seruandis and vtheris being with him, To and fra the pairtis of Norroway, quhair his Maiestie of lait maid repair, etc. And thairfore I the said Johne, as skippar foirsaid, and takand the burdene on me for all

<sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Kennedy no longer signs himself Tutor of Cassillis.



vtheris haueing interes, exoneris, quitclames, and dischargis the said Sir Patrik and all vtheris quhome it effeiris, of ye said schippis fraucht, and vtheris casualities and dewities foirsaidis quhatsumeir for now and ewir, Be this my acquittance, subscriuit with my hand At Edinburgh, the       day of Marche, the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lxxxix yeiris, Befoir thir witnessis Dauid Clypen burges of Leyth, Dauid Kennedy Chamerlane of Quhitarne, and James Mvyr of Drumskeocht, vyth vtheris dyuerse.

Johne Gybsoun with my hand.

Dorso—Johne Gybsoun Acquittance To Sir Patt Waus for a Ships fraucht quhan Sir Patt went to Norway. 1589.

Letter from Sir JAMES HOME of Coldenois<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 17th March 1589-90.

Aftir my very hairtlie commendations, ye know quhat fauour and freindship I shew vnto yow in furthering yow to get pament of your siluer auchtand to yow be his mat<sup>ie</sup>, vpon your suir promiss and band that ye sould haue maid me compleit pament of the haill bailliery of kyle stewart, Truly I luikit for na thing les nor ye sould haue vseit sic delaye with me, and thairfor I haue thocht gude be thir presentis to assuir yow that I will delay this mater na Langer, bot will put lettres to executioun againis yow, vules with all diligens ye caus the compt of that bailliery of bayth the Last termes be endit. besyd the quhilk I will ewir esteme my self behind the hand with yow quhill I be repairit to my skayth. Thus I commit yow to god, At Ed<sup>r</sup>, this xvii of merch 1589.—Your assurit freind,

coldenois.

To his guid freind The Larde of barnbarroch.

Letter from LORD JOHN HAMILTON to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 18th March 1589-90.

My Lord, Eftir my verray hartly commendatioun, I haue

<sup>1</sup> Sir James Home was keeper of Edinburgh Castle, and a member of Council, at which he was a constant attendant.

directit the berar heiroy, my serwand, To confer with your (L) in sum Thingis concerning my self in particuler ; The special declaratioun thair of I remit to his report. Requesting your (L) to schaw your self favorable therein, quhilk I salbe about to acquite with the lyk, or greter, pleasor quhen ye sall haue occasioun to charge. Referring forder to the declaration of the berar, quhome It will pleass yow credite as my self, I commit yow to god. Off hamilton, this xviii day of merche 1589.—  
Your (L) assurit gud frinde at pouar, J. hammilton.

To The Ry<sup>t</sup> Honorable  
The lard of Barnbarroche.

[When the King sailed from Leith to Norway, on the 22d October 1589, he appointed the Privy Council to govern the kingdom under the presidency of the Duke of Lennox, assisted by the Earl of Bothwell, "Exceptand the south partis committit to the charge of oure cousing, the Lord Hammiltoun, and in materis quhair difficultie sall appeir to tak the advise of our Sessioun." Declaration of King James VI.]

Paper Endorsed "coppei of ane Messieue," being the Draft of a Letter to the KING then in Denmark, March 1590.

Pleis it your Ma<sup>tie</sup> I haue euer sen my hamecuming, according to your hienes commandement gevin me at my departing, imployit my self with all diligence to maintene quyetnes, asweill in the cuntray as with our neibouris about, sa far as in me Lay ; quhair of I haue gevin ane pruf be my payins takin at the counsallis command to reconciliat my lordis Bothwell and hume, albeit that hes not as yit succedit as I vald wish, and hoipis for heirefter. I have also lately apon the Lyik direction of the counsall with the pryor of Blantyre bene in our cuntray of gallowa for ordour taking with a spanish bark, that came in thair at Quhithorn apon the day of ,<sup>1</sup> the capten and pylattis quhair of we haif brocht to this toune ; and because the haill mater is wrettin at lenth be the counsall to your ma<sup>tie</sup>, I

<sup>1</sup> Blanks in original.

remit me to thair letter. In this maner haue I bene occupiit sen my cuming from your mat<sup>ie</sup>, besyde my ordinar awaiting at all vthir tymes in counsall and sessioun, Quhairof I thocht expedient to give your mat<sup>ie</sup> a compte as it becumis ws all your hienes subiectis. Beseiking your Mat<sup>ie</sup> to honour me with your commandements, quhat I sall do farther, other heir at hame or a feild, for your hienes seruice ; quhairvnto I sall euer be maist reddey and willing, as knawis god, quha mit preserve your mat<sup>ie</sup>, and with your hienes derrest bedfallow, our souerane lady, and bring baith your mat<sup>ies</sup> hame saif and sound, and that schortly to this your mat<sup>ies</sup> realme. Fra Ed<sup>r</sup>.

My lord this is grossely blockit upon the information ye gave me. eik or paire at your L plessor : and I drink ane pro salute Regis to your l, and fair veill.

Letter from the PROVOST OF LINCLUDEN<sup>1</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, from Elsinore, 3d April 1590.

My Lord, efter my verray hairtlie commendationis, I ressauit your (ll) letter, and thankis yow for the same, quhairby I persauie the quyet estait of the cuntrie now in his mat<sup>ies</sup> absence, quhilk I pray god he may tak sic ordour at his hamecuming as it may continew. As I haue said oftymes to him, now the wyit<sup>2</sup> may be thocht in him selff gif his cuntrie be nocht weill gouernit ; ffor seing the quyetnes in his absence may proceed ather vpone the luif they bear him, or then for fear he hes better moyans be his awin presence to gif him occasioun ather in the ane or the vther. His mat<sup>ie</sup> hes resoluit with the quene mother, the kinge, and regenttis of Denmark to remane na langer nor the xiiij of this instant, And that vpone the quene motheris requeist, and earnist sute, awaiting vpone hir fatheris cuminge, quha is Luikit for to be heir the aucht day. sua quhether he cum or nocht, We will tak jorney about the xiiij godwilling, wind and wedder serving, And sua to be thair, sa far as I can persauie, afoir ye be radie for ws. We think mekle we haue ressauit na certanetie fra thame at hame for thair pairtis

<sup>1</sup> Mr Robert Douglas, Collector-General.

<sup>2</sup> Blame.

anent the houss halding, and vnles that be weill cairit, and provydit for, efter that maner, we wilbe vtterlie schamit; ffor we se nocht ane vther way as they salbe interteneit. Thair is na alteratioun of our estait and proceiding heir sen my last writting, except we se nocht sic apperance of the quene to be with barne as we Luikit for. Ser willame keith is Lyke to be casin, and to tyne his offices, credeit, and all.<sup>1</sup> I ressaut ane writting fra David welsche, my servand, Declairing your (ll) had written to him for payment of the siluer I had gottin fra yow, and that he could not satisfie your (ll), in respect of vther greit sowmes I had caussit him to depurse. giff I had vnderstand, or thocht, your (ll) sould haue bene payit of that siluer afor my hamecuminge, I had writtin to him, and your (ll) sould haue been payit, and vthers sould had wanttit; he hes writtin to me that he hes promesit to mak yow payment againe paische,<sup>2</sup> and thairfoir ye sall wreit to him to the same effect presentlie. Sua, with my hairtlie commendationis to your (ll) wyffe, and all other guid freindis, I commit your (ll) to god. ffrome elsingore, this feird of apryle 1590.—Your (ll) at power,

lynclouden.

To the richt honorable  
The Laird off Barnbarroch.

Letter from Sir THOMAS KENNEDY of Colzean to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 21st April 1590.

Broder, efter my hartlie commendationis, I haif ressaut your lettir this day at sax houris efter novnne fra willame keffane<sup>3</sup> In ars,<sup>4</sup> and hes considerit the effect thairrof. I haif, according to the desyre of your letter, willit Johne scherare to be heir In this toun vpone moninday nixt, Quhair I meane he sall ather denunce the tenantis of crosraguell to the horne, or ellis thay

<sup>1</sup> Sir James Melville writes: "The company who were with His Majesty put him to great trouble to agree their continual janglings, strife, pride, and partialities. . . . George Hume did quietly shoot out William Kieth from his office of Master of the Wardrobe."

<sup>2</sup> Before Easter.

<sup>3</sup> Now Kevan.

<sup>4</sup> Now Arier.



sall furneis to him the sowme of ane hundreth poundis amangis thame: for thai wald do na thing at my requeist, as I wrait to yow befor; and I assure yow, gif I had bene abill, I suld haue furneist the samen my self; bot in respect of my last being In edinburth, and furnesing of twa thousand merkis to Mr Johnne scharpe, It hes putt me In ane greit bessiness. Als ye sall witt I am to be in glasgw this nixt wodnisday, ye xxii day of this Instant, vpone the desyre of ane lettir send to me be my Lord of argyle, quha hes ane conventioun of his freindis thair the said day, for quhat occasion I knaw nocht, bot I think to be at hame agane, godwilling, vpone sonday nixt. ye sall ressaue ane chartour, quhilk Is subscrivit be my Lord of Cassills, my lord hammilton, bargany, blairquhan, and me; the effect thair of ye will persaeue, and, quhen ye haif subscrivit the samen, ye will deliuer It againe to this berare, for I haif directit Jame hawthorne to returne the same to me with all diligence. ye sall lykwyiss ressaue lettres out of Denmark, quhairin I dout nocht ye will find all newis, for I haif gottin ane lettir my self out of denmark, bot I persaeue nocht of the kingis hame cuming befor the doun sitting of the Sessioun. as for scottis newis, I haue nevir ane worde, bot ye sall witt my lord bothwell and my lord home ar finalie aggreit. I dout nocht bot ye haue hard of the man that wes slaine at Dalkeyth be my lord hammiltouns men; and of the horss that wes taine out of the palace, and of my lord hamiltonis men that wer kepit captiue. I assure yow my lord of mortoun hes fand greit fault with his servandis that wer In Dalkeyth for the truble thay did to my lord hammiltoun and his servandis, and allowis all the skayth thay haif gottin, swa that na thing Is to be amangis thame, bot werie guid freindschip: and my lord hamiltonis men ar sett at libertie. ye sall wit that James Stewart,<sup>1</sup> last chanceler, Is ane wowar,<sup>2</sup> for his wyfe Is deid of ane barne, quhair of ye salbe assurit. thir ar all the newis I haif for the present. I pray yow, as evir ye will do me pleser, quhan ye ryde to edinburth to cum this way, for I can not be able befor your away cuming to wyn to galloway. and I pray yow to aduerteis me of your dyatts, and gif your<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Earl of Arran.<sup>2</sup> Widower.<sup>3</sup> Evidently written by mistake for "my."



sister gangis with yow; and I assure yow, and<sup>1</sup> scho gang afeild, and cum nocht this way, scho sall nocht haif me in barnbarache thir sewin yeris. Referring the rest to your aduertesment with this berare, I commit yow in godis protection. off maybole, the xxi day of aprile 1590.—Your assurit broder, Culzeane.

To my weilbelouit broder the laird of barnbarache.

Letter from LORD HUNTLY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
1st June 1590.

My lord eftir maist hartlie commendation, I wreit of befor to your Lo, in the actioun dependand betuix this berar, my cousing patrik gordoun in lettirfurie, and Ser James tarves, quhairin ye haif schawin your (lo) guid fauour in all tymes of his occatioun, quhairof I man, and euer sall, maist hartlie thank your Lo as it war to my self; for sua aperteinis the caus, and is pertinent to me in all respectis. hartlie requesting your lo to be the fordirer, and mak the aid and suplie, as of all guid equitie your (Lo) may best, in this my cousingis caus. Nocht douting but your (Lo) will assist him, And rathir for my request, as I salbe readye to do your (Lo) pleser; Remitting the rest to your (Lo), and sua for the present recommendis your (Lo) to god. of boiggeyth,<sup>2</sup> the first of Junii 1590.—Your lo assurit at pouar, Huntly.

To our Richt trest freind  
The Laird of barnbarroch deliuer this.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
3d June 1590.

Trustie and weilbelouit counsalour We greit yow weill. The expenssis of the houssis, quhilkis war haldin in heir to the straungeris, being appointit to be payit be a commone contributione of certane noblemen and barronis, and for your pairt promiss being maid of the soum of ij<sup>c</sup> lbs., quhairof restis j<sup>c</sup> lbs., It is now thocht meit that the sum, with the vther soumes pro-

<sup>1</sup> An, if.

<sup>2</sup> Bog of Gight.

mittit be the rest, expressit in a roll maid at your lait being heir, salbe collectit and imbrocht, for satisfeing of the creditouris with all convenient expeditioun; Quhairfor this salbe to desyre yow effectiouselie that, according to your former promise, ye will nocht fail to caus the said soum be send hither, and delyuerit to Alexander Lawsoun immediatlie efter the ressait heirof for the releif of him and sic wtheris as haid the chairge and ouersight of thair houssis, that in default thairof they be nocht persewit and troublit be the furnissaris, quha, being for the maist pairt pur folkis, schoris daylie to wse the rigour extremetie of the law aganes tham. Quhairin ye, as amangis vtheris, sall declar your affectioun and furthvardness in this lait actione concerning our honour and weill, sa sall ye do ws mest acceptable seruice, pleasour, and releif ws of the exclammatione, quhilk vtherwyis may be maid; And for the sam sall ye find ws willing to acknowleig your guidwill accordinglie. Thus for the present We commit yow in the protectione of God. from Halirudhous, the third day of Junij 1590. James R.

To our trustie and weilbelouit counsalour The Laird of Barnebarroch ane of the senatouris of our college of Justice.

Discharge by Sir ANDREW MELVILL, Master of the Household,  
to the LAIRD OF BARNEBARROCH, 3d June 1590.

I Androw Meluill of garvok, M<sup>r</sup> houshold to our soverane lord, grantis me to haif resaved fra the richt honob<sup>l</sup> Ser patrik Vaus of barnbarrow, knight, the soume of thre scoir tua lib, and that in full and compleit payment of my pensioun of corsraguell for the mertimes terme ane thousand fyue hunderthe four scoir nyne, and lykvais for the vitsonday terme ane thousand fyue hundrethe four scoir ten yeiris; of the quhilk soume of thre scoir tua pundis I hold me veill satisfeid, and dischargis the said Sir Patrik, his airis, executouris, and assignais, for now and euer, be this my acquittance subscryved with my hand at Ed<sup>r</sup>, the iiii day of iunii 1590, befor thir vitness James Bosvall and David ardeis my servantis with vtheris diuers,

A. Meluill of garwok with my hand.

[In the records of Parliament we find that Barnbarroch took his seat in it on the 12th of June this year.

Letter from LORD JOHN HAMILTON to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 29th June 1590.

My Lord, Efter my maist hartly commendatioun, I wrait to yow of befor in fauoris of my faythfull freind and cousing the Laird of Calderwoid,<sup>1</sup> twicheing the actioun referrit to yow as oversman betuix him on the ane part, and the Laird of Lie on the vther part. I will maist hartly requeist yow, Seing the landis of kincaid yowlaw ar ane part of the laird of Calderwoddis awin barrownie of maldslie, And gevin furthe of his hous to ane sone thairof, and hes decreit of the Lordis pronuncit alreddy thairintill, bot stayit vnbuikit as yit, and Becaus the laird of Calderwoid hes bene at all tymes sa honest vnto me, I am als ernist for It as gif the actioun wer my awin. and yit I deser yow to do nathing in that, bot quhilk aggreis with guid conscience and honesty, and to decern the eretabill richt of the Landis to pertene To the Laird of Calderwoid. In doing quhair of ye sall haue me obleist to acquite yow with freindschip to yow, or ony youris, as occasion sall present. Swa luiking he willbe the bettir handillit for this my request, I commit yow in the protectioun of god. Off hammilton, this xxix of Junij 1590.—Your assurit guid freind at power,

John Hamilton.

[Address cut off.]

Letter from MARGARET LYON, LADY HAMILTON, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 29th June 1590.

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun, I vnderstand that ye ar chusin oversman in ane actioun betwixt my assurit guid frend the Lard of Caderwood on the ane part, and the lard of Lie on the other part, twoching the landis of Kinkaid yowlaw. and seing the saidis landis ar ane part off the lard of Cader-

<sup>1</sup> James Maxwell.

woodis avin barronrie of macusley ; and gyffin furt off his houss to ane sone thairoff, and hes decret off the Lordis pronunceit alredye thairintil, Albeit stayat in the buiking as yit, and becase that gentil man the lard off Caiderwood hes ever bene faithfull and honest to my Lord, I may request yow even as the actioun var my avin, and as ye wald wiss my Lord my husband to do for ony off your frendschipe, to decern the heretabill rycht of the landis to aperten to the Lard of Caderwood, and that upoun sik ressonabill conditioun as ye may, upon save consience and honestye, for my causs ; In doing quhairoff ye sall have my Lord my husband and me obleist to aquit as ye sall have occasioun, sa, luiking he sall find fauor for this my request, sa, my hartlie commendatioun being maid to your beidfallow, and your anser in writ with the berer, quhat I may luik for, I com- mit yow to the protectioun off god. from hamyltoun, the xxix off Junij 1590.—your assurit guid frend at power,

Margaret lyonn.

To the Rycht honorabill my assurit guid frend The Laird of barnbarrocht ane of our soverane Lordis senatoris of the Colledge of iustice.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 7th July 1590.

My Lorde, efter my verray hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your lettre of newis, quhairof I hartlie thank yow. As also I resauit ane lettre fra my Lorde of Blantyrrie, schawing of your guidwill and earnest travell with the maister of orknay in my fauour, to have had him and me agreit in our particularis concernyng the priorie of Quhythorne. For your guidwill thairin I think me mekle addettit to yow. albeit your suit tuik na place, I think me na les addettit nor giff it had, and quhat I can do that may plesor yow ye salbe als suir of my guidwill, giff it will pleis yow imploy me. I hoip quhen ye have done with your turnis ye will cum hame alss schortlie as ye can, according as ye wryte to me befoir. I pray yow that ye will help sick turnis as I have to do, The particularis thair of my servand,

Jhonne mure, will declair yow. Referring the rest to your wisdome, with sum of your newis with the first that cummis betuix, committis yow to god. At Glassertoun, the vii day of July 1590.—Your L's ffreind at power,

Garleis.

To the Richt honorab<sup>le</sup> and his guid freind  
The Lairde of barnbarrothe this be delyveritt.

Letter from the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH to his WIFE,  
15th July 1590.

Maist Speciall, I haife ressauit your lettyr, and haif consyderit the samin. as for James m'cullochis iiii<sup>c</sup> merkis, I hoip to ressafe siluer for thame schortlie fra Johne ahannay,<sup>1</sup> or fra sorbe.<sup>1</sup> as for gilbert m'keeis suspentione, I am content that he haiss not left the land; alwayss assuritlie I sall seik the layrde of garthland for the action of contraventione. I wald ye causit the land the officiar pas to the grund of the dyrr,<sup>2</sup> and taik tre or fovyv vitness vyth hym, and to testefee that gilbert m'keeis geyr Is vpon the grvnd as yit, and als to fence, and arest, bayth gilbert m'keis cornis, and als James nivyns vpon the grund of the dyrr, quhill I gett catione to anser me as lav<sup>3</sup> vill. and quhair ye vreit that I vill get xx libs for euery day that his geyr Is vpon the grund, that is not of verete. as for the layrde of mochrumss entres of It, he hais geiffyn It ovyr to me, and sall taik na entres ovthyr<sup>4</sup> vyth It, or James mvyr. as for the charges of the tennandis, ye sall caus denunce thame accordyn to the letteris. as for gavane dunbar, he hais fund the layrde of sorbe catione nocht to Intromett vyth ony devate<sup>5</sup> of altecry<sup>6</sup> vndyr the paine of 1<sup>c</sup> lib. Sande dunbar Is heyr to aggre, or to lefe the land, as I vill command; bot I vill nathyr to hym, nor to na vther, geife anser to I be at hame. I haife ressauit ane of the vessis<sup>7</sup> that hais your cheyn, quhilk I think verray slycht tikat, for It declaris nocht quhow mykill It lyis in

<sup>1</sup> Ahannay was Laird of Sorbie.

<sup>2</sup> Now Dirrie.

<sup>3</sup> Law.

<sup>4</sup> Either.

<sup>5</sup> Duty.

<sup>6</sup> Name of a farm.

<sup>7</sup> Wissel, quhissel, exchange; *Ger.*, wechsell.



vad<sup>1</sup> of, and I haife nocht ane penne to loviss<sup>2</sup> It vyth; for quhen I gett this iiij<sup>c</sup> merkis, man relefe the layrde of kynhilt dett; and trevlie I pay (ij)d euery ovik<sup>3</sup> for the pund for It. as for the provost of lyncluden siluer,<sup>4</sup> I can nocht gett ane penne of It; for he Is in avyn<sup>5</sup> in this toune mayr nor fyve thovsand pund, bot I haife the cheyn lyane In vad. I vill pray yow send all the siluer ye can gett or can borrow, ovit<sup>6</sup> vytq the horss, for ye may persaife be my last lettyr quho mykill thair Is ado vyth siluer, and thair Is mayr nor 1<sup>c</sup> lbs geifen, and to be geffyn ovitt,<sup>6</sup> nor I vrat to you last, as ye sall see the compt of the haille. Jhone man haif ane stand<sup>7</sup> of figurit taffate, and ane stenney<sup>8</sup> cloig,<sup>9</sup> for his vther cloik<sup>9</sup> Is vorne, and he vants sarkis and ruffis. I pray you haist our horsis heyr vyth the siluer eftyr the fayr, and send sande his naig, for trevlie I think lang to be at hame; and send me voyrde<sup>10</sup> quhat ye vald haife cofte<sup>11</sup> to pate, quhilk sall not be vndone. farder I pray you taik na service nor devate<sup>12</sup> fra the tennandis of barschangan, nor na vtheriss that ye vald haif remvffit. as for nevis,<sup>13</sup> at this conventione, thayr Is grantit to the k ma<sup>te</sup> ane Impost vpon all venis<sup>14</sup> that Is to cum In scotland fra this tyme fvyrecht,<sup>15</sup> and that the k ma<sup>te</sup> sall haif of euery tovnne of veyne<sup>14</sup> aucht pundis acht ss. I think the conventione sall reid<sup>16</sup> the morne, and quhat salbe done farder ye salbe farder aduertest. I think best ye haif my horss heyr in the end of the nixt ovik, as ye sall think guid, vyth all the siluer ye can gett, that all your vads<sup>1</sup> may be lovsit; <sup>2</sup> for I can not gett ane penne fra the provost of lyncluden. this, eftyr hartlie commendatione, I commett you to god. vreittyn In haist this this 15 day of July 1590.—Be youris avyn as knavis god,

Barnbarrache.

To my dirrest (ainte<sup>17</sup>) the  
ladye barnbarrach.

<sup>1</sup> Pledge.

<sup>2</sup> Loose.

<sup>3</sup> Every week.

<sup>4</sup> See his letter, 3d April 1590, p. 455.

<sup>5</sup> In debt.

<sup>6</sup> Out.

<sup>7</sup> Suit.

<sup>8</sup> Fine woollen cloth.

<sup>9</sup> Cloak.

<sup>10</sup> Word.

<sup>11</sup> Bought.

<sup>12</sup> Duty.

<sup>13</sup> News.

<sup>14</sup> Wine.

<sup>15</sup> Forth.

<sup>16</sup> Discourse, debate.

<sup>17</sup> Word doubtful.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD of BARNBARROCH,  
17th September 1590.

Trusty and weilbelovit counsallour We greit you hartlie wele. Understanding that our lovit Mr William Angus, prebendar and sacristarre of our Chappel Royal of Striviling, is lauchtfullie provydit be us dureing his life tyme to the said sacristaurie, quhairunto is annexed of auld the teind schevis, vther small teindis, rentis, fruitis, and emolumentis, of the half Paroche Kirkis of Kirkynner and Kirkcowane, within our sheriffdome of Wigtoun, frie of all taxatioun, thridis, or vther compositionis; And that notwithstanding the said Mr William is frustrat, and delayit of payment, of his dewiteis be the parochineris, and compellit to await thairon in that cuntrie a lang space yeirlie to his chairgis, being subiect heir utherwise to the attendance vpoun our seruice; We have thairfore taken occasiune richt effectuuslie to requeist and desyr you that you will use all the gude meanis ye can to se the said Mr William thankfullie anserit, and payit, of his dewiteis, and teindis, of the said parochin of the instant crop and yeir; and all yeiris to cum during his lyfetye, that he be nocht trublit with unnecesser delay, and awaiting on the same, as he hes bene, bot remain heir on our seruice and directioun, as ye will report our hartlie thankis, and do us acceptable plesour and seruice. Sa, luiking that he sal have no forder occasioun of complaint in this mater, We commit yow in Godis protectioun. From Dumfermling, 17 of September 1590,

James R.

To our trustie and weilbelouit  
consalour The Laird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from LORD SETON to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
5th January 1590-91.

My lord, fforsamekle as my procurator and servant, (Mr) olyver colte, hes presentlie ane actioun of his awin of Importance depending befor your (lo), quhilk he assuris me to be verrie Just and equetable in the selff, And thairfoir I will pray your

(lo) to be as cairfull for him in that caiss, as ye wald be foir my awin actioun, And that he gait na wrange thairintill, bot samekle fauour for my caus as the equetie of his caus will permitt; quhairintill ye will do me singuler plesour, As gif it war my awin actioun. heirintill na wayis doubting of your gudwill, I committ yow to the protectioun of the almychtie god. frome Seytoun, the 5 of Jarij 1590.—Yo<sup>r</sup> Lo at power,

B. Lord setoun.

To the ry<sup>t</sup> hono<sup>l</sup> and my trest freind  
The Laird of barnbaroche.

Horning against JOHN WALLACE of Craigie for payment of the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH'S expenses in going to Denmark,  
6th January 1590-1.

James, be the grace of God King of Scottis, To our louittis

Messingeris, oure schireffis in that pairt, coniunctlie and seuerally, speciallie constitute, greating. fforsamekle as it is humelie menit and schawin to ws be oure Louit Sir Patrik Vaus of Barnbarroche, Knicht, That quhair it pleasit ws to grant and dispone vnto him (in pairt of payment of his expenssis maid in his veyage being directit be ws towardis Denmark) the secund and thred termes payment of the taxatioun of our baillie of Kylestewart, of that pairt of the taxatioun grantit to ws be the small barons and friehaldaris for thair voitis in oure Parliament and generall counsellis, as his gift, grantit to him thairopone, at lenth beris; According quhaironto Johnne Wallace of Cragy, baillie of Kylestewart, and collectour appointit for ressaving of the saidis twa termes payment, and James Cunnyngname of Inchegothrick his depute, hes alreddy maid payement to the said complenare of ane pairt of the same taxatioun, And althocht he hes oft and diuerse tymes cravit payment of the rest thairof fra thame, yit nochtwithstanding he can nawise obtene the samyn to his greit hurte and skaith, without they be compellit; Oure Will is heirfoir, and we charge you straitlie, and commandis, that incontinent thir oure letteris

sene, ye pas, and in oure name and authoritie command, and charge the said Johnne Wallace of Cragy, and James Cunnyng-hame of Inchegothrig his depute, as said is, To mak payment to the said complenare of the said secund and thred termes payment of the taxatioun of our said baillierie of kylestewart within ten dayis nixt eftir they be chargeit be yow thairto vnder the pane of Rebellioun, and putting of thame to our horne; and gif they failye thairin, the saidis ten dayis being bipast, that ye incontinent thairefter denunce the dissobeyaris our Rebellis, and put thame to our horne, and escheit, and inbring all their moveable guidis to our vse for thair contemp-tioun, according to Justice, as ye will answer to us thairvpone. The quhilk to do we commit to yow, coniunctlie and seuerallie, oure full power be thir oure litteris, deliuering thame to yow dewly execute, and Indorsate agane to the berare. Gevin vnder oure signet at Haliruidhous, the sext day of Januar, and of oure Regnn the xxiiij yeir, 1590.

Ex deliberatione dominorum secreti consilii.

Andro.

A. Hayne.

Endorsed by Sir P. Waus—Barnbarrocht Letteris for ingetting of the taxatioun of kylsteuart.

Discharge by ALLAN CATHCART, Chamberlain of Galloway, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, for Maill of the King's Lands, 20th January 1590-1.

I, allan cathcart, challmerlane off galloway, grantis me to haif rasauit fra (m) patrik wass, lard of bibaroche, the soume of vij.£ xld<sup>1</sup> ffor the mertemass maill last was of the kings landis: quhilk soume, rasavit be me, I discharge the said lard of barnbarroche, and all otherss, be this my discharge, subscryvit be me at Wig-toune the xx day of Januar, the yeir of god i<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> and nynte yeris, befor thir witnessis W<sup>m</sup> gordoune M<sup>r</sup> blakeraig, and Alex<sup>r</sup> mclurge.

Allan cathcart challmerlane of galloway.

Endorsed—

Allane caithcartis dischargis of the kingis mallis.

<sup>1</sup> Forty pence.

Letter from Mr JAMES DAVIDSON, Minister at Wigtown,  
16th February 1590-1.

Grace mersay and pace from god the father and from oure lord  
Jesus christ—

My lord, lat it plyss yowr (l) to hawe me excusit that befor  
thys tyme I hawe not writin to yow ; the cawss was that I  
thocht good first to be sumquhat acquentit with the nature of  
the pepil and dualaris<sup>1</sup> in thys towne, of quhom I can not  
mislyk in regard of the affection and good wil thay beir to me,  
quha also vnfenzidlie<sup>2</sup> dois reverence and lowe your (l) for the  
good vil ye schaw thame in yowr letter, of the quhilk ye maid  
me the berar. and as for thare part, thay promiseiss solemlie  
to remembar, and keip al thingis yowr (l) hes dysyrid thame in the  
letter, and hawpis also that yowr (l) sal be the more beneficial to  
me in respect I am yowr (l) awin send to thame, quharof also I  
find my self persuadit nocht-withstanding of the speiking of  
many : god of his mersay grant that I may so wprychtlie and  
faithfullie walk in my caling that my concience may preserve  
me to deserve yowr (l) good wil, and the assistance of all that  
fearis the lord. the commissioner Mr James Hamilton efter my  
inauguration destingand the gleib to me, quha according to order  
dyssired it to be mensurid, bot becauss I feared your (l) sowd  
be offendit, in caiss largear buwndis sowd hawe bene destynid to  
me then to my predicesoris, tharefor I tawld the commisionar  
that I contentit me with the designation of my predicessor to  
yowr (l) cumming in the cowntrie. And now, seing the tyme  
of teiling<sup>3</sup> is present, I pray your (l) nocht to be offendit that I  
teil the samyn for, as I am leith to do anie thing quhareby I  
sowd offend yowr (l), so I am persuadit yowr (l) wil not greive  
to gif me frelie that quhilk both good concience, and the lawis  
of the cowntrie, providis that I sowd hawe. my lord, in end I  
houp ye sal nocht think yowr kyndnes or goodwill bestowid vpon  
ane vnthankful servand, gif god spare me dayis—thus commitis  
yowr (l) to the protection of the almychtie, quha may preserve

<sup>1</sup> Dwellers.

<sup>2</sup> Unfeignedly.

<sup>3</sup> Tilling.



your (1), becawss he is omnipotent, and vil, becaws he is riche in mersays. my dewtiful commendationis of service to your hon<sup>all</sup> vertouus ladye. from Wightoun, the 16th of februar 15810<sup>1</sup> your (1) servand and frend in the lord,

M James Davidsone minister at vightoun.

[The outer sheet with the address is wanting, but there is no reason to doubt that it was written to Barnbarroch.]

Letter from GAVIN DUNBAR of Baldoon to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 14th May 1591.

My lord, efter my hartle commendatioun, pleissit you to vit that I ves myndit to haif spokin vith you vpon the vodinsday befor your departing aff this cuntre; and the saym day the lard of Garlies desyrit me, as he did vther freindis, to convoy hym to glastoun,<sup>2</sup> without menyng of trubill or Iniure<sup>3</sup> to be done to ony man, as god, and the cuntremen, is our vitnes. and quhat is fallin out betuix blayrquhan<sup>4</sup> and the lard ye hard in sic maner as I mister<sup>5</sup> nocht to raset<sup>6</sup> the manir thairof. sa mekill Innosent bluid as is spilt onle throcht<sup>7</sup> the pryde of the twa lordis, and god to forgeif tham that hes the vyit<sup>8</sup> thairof, and seis na apeirans bot of mair trvbill and cumeris, quhilk man be bidin as the lord pleissis to do thairin. yet nocht the les I vill desyr you to ramember of the kyndes promesit betuix vs, lyk as I mynd to do to you, and In speciall anent the suit of alexander gordoun of the veolent proffetis of thir vavorthe croftis of the kirkland, that he persevis<sup>9</sup> me vere Indirekle, menyng to gar me ramoif<sup>10</sup> the occupeeris that I neuer plaissit<sup>11</sup> in the land, and ves thair afoir my Intromessioun thairvith, haifyng na titill be lav to put tham thairfra, and he hes tain the devetis<sup>12</sup> of ane vther part of the croftis; he cravis me for veolence, quhilk is forby rasone,<sup>13</sup> that it kan nocht content hym to tak my kyndle romis<sup>14</sup> fra me, bot he vill seik the veolent occupatioun vpon me, that is

<sup>1</sup> 1590.

<sup>2</sup> Glasserton.

<sup>3</sup> Injury.

<sup>4</sup> The Laird of Blairquhan, John Kennedy.

<sup>5</sup> Need.

<sup>6</sup> Recite.

<sup>7</sup> Through.

<sup>8</sup> Wyte, blame.

<sup>9</sup> Pursues.

<sup>10</sup> Remove.

<sup>11</sup> Placed.

<sup>12</sup> Duties.

<sup>13</sup> Beyond reason.

<sup>14</sup> Farms.

noldir air,<sup>1</sup> occupeer, nor yet na resaivar of the mallis<sup>2</sup> of the landis, sen the tym of his varnyng, it is trev<sup>3</sup> that ye haif mast part of the vyit<sup>4</sup> of this pursele,<sup>5</sup> vnvorthe, manis hard sute in sustenyng of hym to seik the lav aganis me to put me fra my kyndle romis,<sup>6</sup> quhilk I dout nocht bot ye may mend quhen ye pleis. and ye may sey quhat cumir is cuming in the cuntre for kyndle romis,<sup>6</sup> and <sup>7</sup> will be forsit vith tym to be Inobedyent aganis our vill, and maist cartan<sup>8</sup> vith tym your your man, sande, sall se that he sall haif the haisert,<sup>9</sup> bruk<sup>10</sup> land, and lif, and all that I haif or he bruk<sup>10</sup> ane fwt braid of my kyndle romis<sup>6</sup> to my scham.<sup>11</sup> heirfoir my lord I vill desyr you that ye, vpon your favour and kyndes ye suld ber to me, that ye vill athar tak vp this matter, and be juge your self; the dyat is to the nynteyn day of may; or ellis, acording to your devete<sup>12</sup> of kyndes to me, put hym fra your servais<sup>13</sup> at this term, becaus he rafussis you, and I bydand at you. and gif ye do nayther of thame, in putyng of hym fra your serves,<sup>13</sup> nor, in the vther, takis nocht vp the forsaid actioun quhill your hamcumyng, I can nocht vnderstand how I may luik for your kyndes, quhilk I put na dout bot your honour and voisdome<sup>14</sup> knavis your devete<sup>12</sup> better <sup>7</sup> forther it is ye knav thair is ane decrait gevin at the instans of James slovan aganis master rogair gordoun vpone ane ejekioun of vii zeris veolent proffetis of ane croft in the kirkland, and maister rogairis is bot desernit to pay ane hundryth markis mony for proffetis and expensis of pley, quhilk is forby baith rasone and quentiens,<sup>15</sup> that sic ane vilfull oppressioun suld nocht be punessit, or at the lyist<sup>16</sup> to geif the puir man sa far as he hes provyn to the lordis: for I dar sueir<sup>17</sup> that the samyn pley hes kost me thre hundryth markis out of my avyn<sup>18</sup> purs in the reduksioun of the fyrst vrang decreit, that this decreit of ejectioun is pretendit of. and becaus Jhone

<sup>1</sup> Neither heir.<sup>4</sup> Wyte, blame.<sup>7</sup> Paper gone.<sup>10</sup> Enjoy.<sup>13</sup> Service.<sup>16</sup> Least.<sup>2</sup> Rents.<sup>5</sup> Poor, silly.<sup>8</sup> Certain.<sup>11</sup> Shame.<sup>14</sup> Wisdom.<sup>17</sup> Swear.<sup>3</sup> True.<sup>6</sup> Farms.<sup>9</sup> Hazard.<sup>12</sup> Duty.<sup>15</sup> Conscience.<sup>18</sup> Own.

haleda thocht the decreit sa vnvorthe ane hundryth markis considerand quhat ffor greiter somis is provin, he hes left the decreit vnbukit, hoping be myoun<sup>1</sup> to get sa far decarnit as is provin; heirfoir my lord I vill pray you to help my just action to get slovan sa far as he hes proven; for albeit the action be Intendit in James slovans naim, yet the proffeit and the hinder thairof vill fall in my hand, thairfor I traist ye vill do for me that matter, as it var my avyn.<sup>2</sup> and I feir ye var nocht vytles<sup>3</sup> that the lordis modificatioun in the forsaid decreit vas sa litill to my manis proffeit and myn, yet sen the decreit is vnbukit, I knaw your myoun<sup>1</sup> may further me als meikle as ye haif handilit me In this caus, or ony vther, quhen ve var at defferens. and sua nocht ellis, bot refaris the rest to your voisdom,<sup>4</sup> and quhat pleissour or kyndes that lyis in my povar to do for you or youris, in your absens in this cuntre, ye may command me, as ye command onny vther your narest freindis, and the eternall god to haif you in his keiping, and comend me hartle to my ant, your bedfallow. of bandone,<sup>5</sup> the xiiij of may 1591.—Be youris traist freind at povar, Gavyne Dunbar of bandone.

To the rycht honorabill and his  
maist speciall Lord of barnbarroch.

Letter from JOHN (?) CRICHTON of Larg<sup>6</sup> to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 17th May 1591.

My lord, eftir my hartly commendatioun, I thocht to haiff spokin with your l at your field ganging, and mist yow. as concerning testamentis of my mother, and of Jonet m<sup>c</sup>kie, spous to patrik stewart, me lord, as to my motheris part concernig my horning, ye sall not let me be cumerit thairwith, and I sall agrie with yow thairin. and<sup>7</sup> ye be rememberit, I offerit yow ane auld angell, and ye requirit ane roisnobil,<sup>8</sup> quhilk difference is bot small betuix yow and me quhill our meitting. And as

<sup>1</sup> Moya.

<sup>2</sup> Own.

<sup>3</sup> Witless, ignorant; wyteless, blameless.

<sup>4</sup> Wisdom.

<sup>5</sup> Baldoon.

<sup>6</sup> Sir Patrick's second daughter, Margaret, was betrothed to John Crichton of Larg on 2d September 1570.

<sup>7</sup> An, if.

<sup>8</sup> Rose noble, a gold coin worth 36s.; the angel noble was worth 24s.

to the confirmatioun of Jonet m<sup>c</sup>kie's testament, your (l) promesit to get it confermit, and I gaiff yow three peice of gold, ane dowbill dowcat, with twa roisnobillis, in begining of peyment of the quota and expenssis componit for. my lord ye sall speik with cuthbert fories, and resauwe the testament fra him, and send in the samyn with ane commissioun to the commisser of wigtoun to resawe our aithis<sup>1</sup> and catiouneris, this beand done, me lord, and the testament confermit, ye sall keip it in your awin hand quhill I mak yow payment of the lattir penny of xl lib componit for, as cuthbert fories can schaw yow; and prayis your l not neglect this mater, for it standis to my honesty and promise to the rest of the exor<sup>is</sup>. nocht trubling your l with farther for the present, bot haiff me hartly commendit to the lady your bedfallow, sa committis yow to god. at the larg, the xvii of may 1591.—be Youris l assurit freind and ame at all powar, larg.

To the hono<sup>ll</sup> and his maist speciall ame Ser patrik Vaus of barnbarroch knycht.

Letter from THOMAS KENNEDY of Bargany to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 21st May 1591.

My Lord, eftir my very hartlie commendationis, your (lo) ramemberries I spak to yow in ardstincher for your freindlie and effectual sollistation to be maid in my fauour to Ser Jhone Seittoun,<sup>2</sup> and mowe him vith our kinred of bluid, and be that alsua of my wyfe, cum out of that houce of Seittoun, as also vith his awin promise, for expeditioun of the servis of the landis of Lethmold, the leachtis, the karne, and aisinduirath quhilkis var of auld my predecessouris heritage, and tint fra vs be na occation of our awin, bot be the forfatric<sup>3</sup> of the erle of douglas, our superiour, and now becum in Ser Jhone seittounis hand be dispositioun of the kingis ma<sup>tie</sup>. and I now will requeist, baithe be your (lo) and me awin self, that I may haif the few of that quhilk vas me awin land, ewin on the offir maid to me be Ser Jhone of the same, to vit xl lb for euerie markland, and I sall

<sup>1</sup> Oaths.

<sup>2</sup> He was master of the king's stables.

<sup>3</sup> Forfeiture.

now haif the same rady to him for sic securitie thairof as your (lo) vill think meit, be quhais aduyse I haif ordanit george mark to perfyt this bissines, and douttis nocht bot your (lo) vill baithe effectuouslie and secretlie vork this mekle in my fauour, as ye sall haif me redy to employ againe in ony turne that I may stand as effectuous to yow in to. And for the vncourtessie visit vpon me guid sone, the lard of knokdoliane,<sup>1</sup> be the guid-man of bulhald on ane horning that he is lauchtfullie put to, as your (lo) sall sie, I haif taine the gift of his escheit, and be letteris past thairwpoun hes intromettit vith ane part thairof. I heir that he is seiking the raduction of the horning, and all that hes followit thairwpoun, quhilk is to cum in befor your (lo) of the cessioun quhilk I will pray your (lo), as my speciall freind, that ye will attend thairto, and sie me haif Justice, and that I be nocht thrawin in this purpoice be na vther moyen that your (lo) may lat. Ane day is speciall in ane summondis that vill cum in befor your (lo) on the 28 day of this monethe, or thairby, for the effect forsaid, at quhilk tyme I sall haif me guid sone to be attendant thairwpoun, to quhom I refer the rest of the discours of this mater to be declarit to your (lo) mair ampie, quhom it vill ples (lo) credeit, as also to schaw him fauour, as your (lo) vald haif me to do the lyk on the lyk occations. nocht doutting heirinto, Sa vill commit yow to the protection of almychtie god. at ayr, the (21) maij 1591.—Be Youris (Lo) assurit guide ffreind at my power, Bargany.

To his speciall guid Lord my  
lord of babarrocht.

Letter from ROBERT, MASTER OF EGLINTON, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 23d May 1591.

My lord, efter my verie hartlie commendatiouneis, It will pleis your (l) vnderstand that to the berar heirof, M<sup>r</sup> Jhone Young,<sup>2</sup> our minister at Beith, electit and nominat to vs be the

<sup>1</sup> Graham.

<sup>2</sup> Formerly minister of Wigtown. See letters of 21st September 1582 and 19th May 1587.



kirk of the vest, thair ves appoyntit at Mertimes Last ves, or thairby, be the lordes of his m<sup>ties</sup> chaker, with the consent of the commissioneris of our presbiterie of Conynghame, ane stipend of iiii chalder and xii bollis victuall, to be payit be the tennentis of our parochone of Beith, for serveing the cuir thair-at in the minstre; quha ves aneis imboeket in the boekis of assignatioun vith the foirsaid stipend, yit nevirtheles, as ve ar credibillie informeit, William Wylie be moyen hes retreatit the sameing to the præiudice of our minister. And suppois the said William Wylie brokit the said stipend in pensioun of befoir, yit it ves nominat of the superplus to haue aperteyneit to ane minister, howsone he suld haue being nominat vnto vs: Nether is it rycht and ressounne that diverss ministeris be susteyneit of our teyndis, and ane scribe of ed<sup>r</sup> vith ane vther pairt thairof, and ve altogidder destitut of ane pastour for Laik of sustentatioun. Heirfoir it vill please your (L) to help vs, that the said Mr Jhon, our appointit minister, may be reponeit, and imboekit to his former stipend; and the said William Wylie simpliciter dischargit of that his pensioun. The quhilk I vill maist ernistlie requeyst your (L) to anser my resonable and godlie suit. Haweing no forder, committis your (L) to the protectioun of god. from Irving, the xxij day of Maj 1591.—Your l assuritly at his pouer, Robert M<sup>1</sup> Eglyntoune.

To My verrie Speciall guid Lord

My Lord of barnbarroch.

Letter from the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH to the EARL OF  
HUNTLY, 1st June 1591.

My Lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I wreit of befoir to your Lo in the actioun dependand betwix this berar, my cousing patrik gordoun in letterfurie, and Ser James Tarbes; quhairin ye haif schawin your Lo gud fauour in all tymes of his occasion, quhairof I man, and euir sall, maist hartlie thank your Lo, as it war to my self, for sua aperteinis the caus, and is per-

<sup>1</sup> Master of Eglinton. Hugh, the fourth Earl, was murdered 12th April 1589, aged about 25. He was succeeded by his son Hugh, who must have been an infant. This Robert was probably a brother of the fourth Earl.

tinent to me in all respectis. hartly requesting your Lo to be the fordwer, and mak the aid and suplie, as of all guid equitie your Lo may best, in this my cowsingis caus, nocht doutting bot your Lo will assist him, and rather for my request, as I salbe readye to do your plesser. Remitting the rest to your Lo, and sua for the present recommendis your Lo to god. of boiggeyth,<sup>1</sup> the first of Juin 1591.—Your lo assurit at pouar,

Huntlye.

[Address cut off except, "roche gif this."]

Letter from LORD JOHN HAMILTON to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 8th June 1591.

Richt speciall freind, efter my verray hartlie commendationis, hawing writtin to you of befoir Twicheing the actioun quhilk is persewit aganis the berar, my servand, be the Lord Sempill, upon ane allegit redemption and spoliatioun of siluer fra the saidis Lordis seruitoris, and procuratoris, quhilk wes na way trew: And the puir man, John Nasmyth, Innocent of all the proceeding thairof, I Thocht neidfull Upon his sute, knowing the grond of his caus, and Informit that the samin is referrit to probatioun, write Thir few Lynis, Praying yow effectuouslie to giff attendance, and suffer him have na wrang, Bot that he may have Justice ministerit according to equitie and guid conscience: ffor that siluer, quhilk thai presentit for redemptioun, wes in their awin handis, and nomberit, eftir he had bene willing to accept conforme to the tennour of the reversiouns. Becaus I dout nocht bot ye will let him find fauour for my Caus, as I salbe reddy in ane greter mater to pleasser yow. I will nocht truble yow with Langer letter, bot committis yow to goddis protection. from Hammiltoun, this viii day of Junii 1591.—Your assurit guid freind at power,

J. hamilton.

To the Ry<sup>t</sup> hono<sup>ll</sup>  
The Laird of Barnbarro.

<sup>1</sup> Bog of Gight. See letters 18th January 1589-90, p. 445, and 1st June 1590, p. 453.

Letter from WILLIAM M'CLELLAND of Crofts to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 21st July 1591.

Jesus.

Me Lord, efter me verie hartlie commendation and seruice, It will pleis your (L) I resaut yor (l) letter, and culd nocht gudlie send ane anser with the bearare, quhill I had lettin balmaghe se the samyn, quhilkis I haue done; quha hes assuirit me that the samyn salbe delywerit to your (l) on the last of october. and as to my owtcuming, I wald gladlie do the samyn, geve the samyn mycht do my steid: for as to siluir, as the Lord sall Juge me I can nocht speir in gallowye fyve hundreth merkis for na persait, bot, with goddis grace, at your (l) cumming in the cuntrie thair salbe sic ane honest ordour tane of all thingis bypast and to come, as your (l) sall nather have skaith nor schame thairin. I am nocht able to plesour your (l) for the half of your (l) greit courtaseis to me, bot your (l) sall haue me to command, and with goddis grace your (l) salbe na losare. as to the thre witnes your l dyssyrit, as god sall Juge I culd have nane vpon swa schort provision; and in the meintyme it plesit the Lord to send ane sair visitatioun amangis ws, for vpon the xix of this instant the ladie Ile<sup>1</sup> fell seik, and departtit vpon the xx of this instant, at sex houris at ewyn; quhilkis wes ane greit staye to me in seiking your (l) witnes, bot aganis the nixt dyett I sall schaw gudwill, geve that can serve. Swa, with me commendation to me Ladie, I commit your (l) to the almyttie. Auchlaun, the xxi of July 1591. Your (l) awin at powar and seruice,

williame M'clellane of croftis.

I am doing quhat I can for ane horss to Mr Johne Scharpe, and cawsit<sup>2</sup> our laird ser charles dun in carik for that effect, and geve your (l) remane quhill the cessioun ryse, I think to be at your (l) or than.

To the ry<sup>t</sup> honorable and his speciall gude emie me Lord of barnebarach geve this.

<sup>1</sup> Probably the wife of the Laird of St Mary's Isle.

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps tawsit, importuned.

Letter from Sir JAMES BELLENDEN to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 31st August 1591.

My Lord, efter my hertlie recommendations of Seruice, Pleis your L that at the pleaser of god My brother, My Lord Justice Clark,<sup>1</sup> your L gude freind, haifing contraktit ane deidlie fever upone the xx day of this Instant, And continewing thairin be the space of aucht dayes to the xxvii day of this Instant, The Loird In his greit mercie hes Ressaut his saule; And he departit this lyffe To the grit Regrait and Displeaser of all his freindis and favoraris. Quhairvpoun we haif tane occasioun to appoint the aucht Day of september Nixttocum for his buriall, quhilk we Intend salbe Accompaneit with his honorable freindis In the abbay kirk of Halyrudehous. Thairfoir, seing his L on lyffe Estemit yow his speciall gude freind, It will pleis your L to tak the panes to be heir the said Day be aucht houris In the moirning, that be your L presence his buriall may be honorit. In Doing quhairof your L will do ws his freindis Acceptable pleaser and honor. Nocht Dowting thairof, As we salbe reddie to Do your L the pleaser, honor, and seruice, that lyis In uss Comittis your L to the protection of the almychtie god. Off the Cannogait, the last day of august 1591.—Be your L At power with Seruice to be commandit,

James Bellenden of Kilkonchre.

To my veirie gude Lard My Lard of barnebarroch.

[This letter was sealed with red wax.]

Letter from ARCHIBALD EARL OF ARGYLE to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 10th September 1591.

My lord, eftir my veray hartlie commendationes, Upone sic accident as laitlie hes fallin furth betwix sum of my kin and servandis dwelland in Angus and the lord Ogilvie, It has plesit his Majestie to cherge me, lyk as the lord ogilvie is chergit, To compeir befoir his hienes the first day of october quhair his

<sup>1</sup> Sir Lewis Bellenden.

mat<sup>ie</sup> salbe for the tyme; Quhilk day I purpos to keip be the grace of god, and, seing it is my first woyage to his Mat<sup>ie</sup>, I haif tain occasione to desyre sum of my freyndis do me that honour as to be present with me that day. And esteming your l ane speciall of that number, I will pray your l taik the paines to be present with me the said day, and direct your l courss to meit quhair his Mat<sup>ie</sup> salbe for the tyme; Lyk as your l sall haif me reddie at all tymes to be Imployit as occasione sall serve that your l cherge me. Sua for the present committis your l in the protectione of the almychtie god. from Inueraray, the x of Septembre 1591.—Your l assurit gud frend, Arch. Argyle.<sup>1</sup>

To my loyrde of barnbarrothe.

Letter from WILLIAM M'CLELLAND of Crofts to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 18th September 1591.

Jesus.

Me (l), eftir me verie hartlie commendations and seruice, forsamekill as I resautit your (L) letter, quhilkis I wald verie gladlie have plesorit your (L) into, and did sic deligence as wes abill to me, albeit I culd nocht cum swa gud speid as I wald, be ressonne the ground is swa rowthit<sup>2</sup> as yitt, and mekill unschorn. The caus I wes sa lang in sending wes lukeand for sum (ma), quhilkis sum vthiris had promesit me, quhilkis, geve thaye cum, sall nocht staye Lang heir. ffarder it will pleis your (L) I have confeinit dywers tymes with our Laird, and Laid befor him all ressonis and gude motionis I culd devyse: bot to be schortt, he will nawayes be dryvin bye your (l), in his first conclusione. and as to the rest of the Landis, he will sell thame for na siluer exceptt he gett Landis for thame. and, me (L), seing your (l) and he wes anis<sup>3</sup> appointeit, I wald praye your (l) nocht to be wilfull, bot lett the first commonyng take effect, quhilkis I am assurit wilbe your (l) greit weill; ffor at my last being at your

<sup>1</sup> Archibald, seventh Earl of Argyle. His mother was the widow of the Regent Murray, and in Douglas' Peerage he is said to have been born in 1576. He was therefore at this date fifteen years of age.

<sup>2</sup> Routh and routhie, plentiful.

<sup>3</sup> Once.



(l) place I conferrit with charles dun, quha extendit the Landis of eittoun to be worth nales<sup>1</sup> be yeir nor nyne hundreth merkis, incace your (l) gat thame, besyddis thair dayelie seruice, for the quhilkis I beleve thaye suldbe movit to geve amangis thame yeirlie ane hundreth merkis; for althocht the Laird be distant, swa that he can nocht preis thame at all tymes, yit thaye ar swa neir your (l) that your (l) wald, or mycht, sudiect thame as cottaris in everie turne, or forme of calculatioun wes eftir this sortt, quhilkis I hoip your (l) may nocht gudlie denye. your (l) knawis the stewartoun and balferne<sup>2</sup> peyis threscoir bollis meill and beir, quhilkis ar far sett within the awaill; the skellarie<sup>2</sup> will peye as mekill with fauor and kyndness, the twa orchartonis<sup>2</sup> ar our gudschape<sup>3</sup> of XL bollis; the croft that me eime michell hes will peye fourtie lbs and mair, and the tenandis will geve yeirlie fourtie merkis, and putt thame vpe ane mylne; swa this extendis to nyne hundreth merkis besyddis thair daylie seruice; and as to your (l) landis of borge, thaye can never be maid worth fyve hundred merkis, for your (L) will never cum to that thing that your (l) said to me wes offerit, for thaye have refusit god<sup>4</sup> geve ever thaye thocht sic thing, and Lett be to offer it; and besyddis your (l) knawis that the Laird hes the teinschaves of the haill Landis, quhilkis maye be cumirsum in case thingis alter, quhilkis I war Laith it suld do for dyuerss respectis; thairfoir I praye your (l) take tyme, and the better quhen it is biddin your (l); for, geve your (l) agre nocht schortlie, it will never agre in your (l) dayes; and geve your (l) suld agre, I wald schaw gudwill to take the Laird of your (L) forsamekill as your (l) suld wantt of that sowme that is amangis ws, quhilkis wald baith putt your (l) to ane perfyte pointt, and hald me in greit trawell in seiking that siluer to your (l), quhilkis, as god sall Juge me, I beleve is nocht abill to be gottin in na maner of waye; for thair is na siluir in thir parttis. swa awatting your (l) anser, and dyssyrand to vnderstand your (L) dyett to this contre, with me hartlie commendationis of seruice to me Ladye, I commit your

<sup>1</sup> No less.

<sup>2</sup> Farms in Kirkinner parish, and others contiguous.

<sup>3</sup> Over good cheap, too cheap.

<sup>4</sup> Have said, "might they not be saved if," etc.

(l) to the almychttie. Auchlein, this sondaye beand, as I suppoice, the xvij of September 1591. Youris (L) to be comandit at power and seruice,

William Mclellane of croftis.

I sall have at your (l) the morne, geve ony ma cumis to me.  
To the rycht honorable and his speciall gudelord  
and eime me Lord of barnebarache geve this.

[The following Submission and Decreet are examples of a custom which prevailed at this period.]

In the Historie of James the Sext page 152 there is the following passage under date 1575. During the civill wearis it fortunit a gentilman callit Johnestoun of Wastraw to be slayne be the Hamiltouns; and be reasonn he was ane of the Erle of Angus dependers Lord Johnne Hamilton and Lord Clawd maid satisfioun for the same at Halyruid hous palice to the Erle of Angus, be the delyverie of a sword be the poynt according to an ancient custume.

[In the Diurnal of Occurrents. (Edin<sup>r</sup> 1833) p 346, this incident is related at greater length.]

The same day (7<sup>th</sup> March 1574-5) Johne Hamilton abbot of Aberbrothok, with his brother Lord Claud, come to the Cannogait, accumpayt with iii<sup>c</sup> horss quha wes lugit in Margaret Paulis lugeing, to the effect following.

Wpoun the viij day betuix xi and xii houris in the day the said Johne abbot of abirbrothok, togidder with his brother Lord Claud, in the invart clois of the abbey, presentit ane nakit sword be the poynt to the erle of Angus, for the slauchter of umquhile James Johnestoun of Westerhall seruitour to the said erle; and Gavin Hamiltoun of Replach, Johne Hamiltoun of Brounhall, Johne Hamiltoun of Haggis, William Hamiltoun of Murnathane, Robert Hamiltoun of Nathane, and Robert Hamiltoun of Haillis, Arthour Hamiltoun of Morentoun and Johne Hamiltoun of Newtoun, ilk ane of thame efter vther in lykmaner, presentit ane naikit sword to George Dowglas, capitaine of the castell of Edinburgh; quhilk he delyuerit to the laird of Kirkmichael,

becaus he wes neirest of kin to the said umquhile James Johnestoun. And thairefter the saids Hamiltouns past to the regentis chamber, his grace meittand thame at the fute of the turgryse; quha imbracit thame in ane freindlie maner and remanit with him the denner.

Wpoun the tent day the regentis grace past of Edinburgh to Dalkeith. The said day the saids Hamiltouns past of the Cannogait to Hamiltoun. All the tyme of thair remanyng thai wer honorablie treitit with the haill nobilitie, and speciallie banketit with the erle of Angus the chancellour, and not without caus, be ressoun thai wer neir of blood; bot my lord Seytoun wes hevilie commovit at the foirsaid homage.

Submission to, and Decreet Arbitral by, WILLIAM M'CULLOCH of Myrtoun, as arbiter between FERGUS M'DOWALL of Barnaught, and JOHN M'KIE of Drumbuy, and their Friends, for the Mutilation of the said Fergus, 19th September 1591.

At Barnbarrach, the xix day of september, the yeir of god, 1m v<sup>e</sup> Lxxx allewin yeris. The quhilk day fergus mcdowell of barnaicht for him self, and taikand the burthing on him for the rest of his kyn, freindis, and allyay, on the ane pairt; and Jon m'kie of drumboye for him self, and taikand the burthing on him for the rest of his bretherein, kyn, freindis, and alliay, on the vther pairt, hes submittit thame to the lauill sentense, and finall decreit arbitrall, off the hono<sup>ll</sup> william m'cullocht of myirtoun, as onlie Judge, arbitratour, and amicable compositor, Iqualie chosin be the saidis pairteis, in all and sindrie caussis, querellis, wariances, contraverses, vrangis, vnkyndness, or debaittis, standing in difference betuix thame, preceding the daitt heiroff: and in speciall for talking arb<sup>r</sup>(itation) quhat homage, assyithment, and satisfacioun, the said Johnne m'kie and his bretherein sall mak, and do, To the said fergus and his freindis, for the mutilatioun of the said fergus vpon the rycht hand: and to convein and meit at barnbarrach the day and dait

of thir presentis, and to decerne within xx dayis nixt thaireftir; And baith the saidis partiis ar bound, obleist, and sworne, to abyde, fulfill, and vnderly, the decreit arbitrall to be pronuncit be the said w<sup>am</sup>, onlie Juge arbitratour foirsaid, but appellatioun or reclamatioun; and the said william m<sup>c</sup>cullocht of myirtoun sall decerne freindfullie in the premissis, quhais decreit salbe Inserit in the blank wryttin vpon the back heiroff, and b registrat in the commisseris buikis off wigtoun, and his auctoritie to be interponit thairto. Quhairby exe<sup>lis</sup> (executorialis) of poinding and horning, the ane nocht preiugeand the vther, may be directtit vpoun baith the saidis partiis for fulfilling thairto, vpoun ane simple chairge of sex dayis only. And the said W<sup>am</sup>, as only Judge foirsaid, hes acceptit the said mater of decisioun in and vpoun him. In vitniss heiroff baith the saidis pairtiis hes subscryuit this present submissioun, to gidder with the blank vpoun the back heiroff, quhairin the said Judges decreit salbe Inserit; as also the said William, in taikin of his acceptatioun, hes subscryuit this present submissioun as followis, day, yeir, and place foirsaid, Befoir thir witnessis, Alex<sup>r</sup> gordoun tutor of creauchlaw, Jon m<sup>c</sup>cullocht of wig, alex<sup>r</sup> gordon appeirand of Balcray, and James gordon in grainge, with vderis, w<sup>am</sup> gordoun, and robert m<sup>c</sup>alex<sup>r</sup>, haigis.

I Michael Cochrane, notar publict, at commandis of fergus m<sup>c</sup>dowell of barnaicht and John m<sup>c</sup>kie of drumboy, thair handis respectiue tuicheing the pen, becaus thai culd nocht writte thame selffis, with my hand,

William m<sup>c</sup>cullocht of myrtoun.

Decreet-Arbitral by WILLIAM M'CULLOCH of Myrtoun, written on the back of the preceding submission, 20th September 1591.

In the name of god sobeit. I william m<sup>c</sup>culloch of myirtoun, only Judge arbitratour, and amicable compositour, equalie chosin betuix fergus m<sup>c</sup>dowell of barnaicht for him self, and taikand the burthing on him for the rest of his kyn, freindis, and aliay, on the ane pairtt, and Johnne m<sup>c</sup>kie of drumboye for him self, and taikand the burthing on him for the rest off his bretherein,



kyn, freindis, and aliay, on the vther pairt, ffor taiking arb<sup>r</sup> (arbitrator) Quhat assyithment, homage, and satisfacioun, the said Jon m'kie and his bretherein, committaris of the mvtilatioun done be thame on the said fergus rycht hand, sall do to the said fergus and to his freindis for committing off the said mvtilatioun, and forgetting thairroff in tyme cuming. I the said William m'culloch of myirtoun, onlie Juge arbitratour foirsaid, haiffing mett and convenit, and haiffing tane the said matter vpoun me, I haiffing god and guide consience befor my eis, I pronunce, declairis, delyueris, and for finall sentence and decreit arbitrall decernis, and ordanis, the said Johnne m'kie of Drumboye to cum to the parroche kirk of kirkcowan vpoun the first sonday Immediately befor martimes nixt, and bring with him thomas m'kie his brother, as being committar, at the lest present at the committing, of the said mvtilatioun, and thair to mak sick homage to the said fergus, his kyn, freindis, and aliay, as the vse is, Intaikin of thair repentence. viz I decerne thame, in presence of the congregatioun convenit of the tyme, to cum in, but thair schone, haiffing thair naikit suordis in thair handis, and thair first to craiff god, secundlie the pairtie, thriddie the congregatioun, forgiffnes for committing of the said mvtilatioun; presentting and offering the saidis naikit suordis be the pointtis to the said fergus, and his friendis and aliay convenit for the tyme; Quhilk homage I decerne the said fergus to ressaue, and to bring with him his haill freindis, ather be thair awin personall comperance, or be thair hand wryttis, granttand thame satisfeit with the said homage, Quhairby the said Johnne m'kie, his bretherein, kyn, and freindis, may be fred off the said mvtilatioun, and all dainger to follow thairvpoun in tyme cuming; quhilkis being done, I decerne the saidis Johnne and his bretherein to assyist, fortifie, and defend, the said fergus in all his lesum and honest actiones, and to tak ane trew and vprycht pairt with him in all tyme thaireftir; Lyike as the said fergus sall do the lyike to thame. And by and attour the said homage, for farther assyithment, I decerne the said Johnne m'kie off drumboye for him self, and taikand the burthing on him, as said is, to peye to the said fergus the sowme off tua hundreth



markis money, vsuall of this realme, at the termes following, to witt, foirtie libs money thairoff at the making of the said homaige, fyiftie markis money at witsonday in anno Lxxx tuelff yeiris, fyiftie markis money at the nixt martimes thaireftir in the yeir of god foirsaid, and foirtie markis money, in compleit payement of the said tua hundreth markis money, at witsonday in the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir threttein yeiris, but langar delaye. and for the bettir payement off the said sowme at the termes foirsaidis, I decerne the said Jo<sup>n</sup> m<sup>c</sup>kie of drumboye to find ane responsible cautionar, actit in the commisseris buikis off wigtoun, or sereff court buikis thairoff, vnder the pane of poinding and hoirning vpoun ane simple chairge of sex dayis. And this my decreit, conforme to the provisioun contenit in the submissioun within wryttin, I ordaine to be registrat in the said commisseris buikis off wigtoun, or sereff court buikis thairoff, and executorialis of poinding and hoirning, the ane nocht preiugeand the vther, to be directit thairvpoun on ane simple chairge of sex dayis only, and to thet effectt I, with consent of the saidis pairtiis, hes constitute our procuratouris, to compeir befor the said commisser or sereff, or thair deputtis, and consent to the registratioun thairoff in thair buikis respectiue, promitten de rato, Be thir presentis subscriuitt as followis, At barnbarrache the xx day of september, the yeir of god 1m v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir allewin yeiris, Befoir thir witnessis, Alex<sup>r</sup> gordoun tutour of craeuchlaw, W<sup>m</sup> m<sup>c</sup>culloch of wig, Alex<sup>r</sup> gordoun appeirand of balcray, and James gordoun in grainge, with vderis W<sup>m</sup> gordoun, and robert m<sup>c</sup>alex<sup>r</sup>, haigis.

I michael cochrane, notar publict, at command of fergus m<sup>c</sup>dowell of barnaicht and Jo<sup>n</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kie of drumboye, thair handis respectiue tuicheing the pen, becaus thai culd nocht writte thame selffis, with my hand,

William m<sup>c</sup>culloch of myrtoun.

Extract Brief of Inquest of Sir PATRICK WAUS, as Heir-Male of GEORGE WAUS, Bishop of Whithorn, 12th October 1591.

The sereff heid court of Wigtoun halden in the tolbuith of the

samin be ye hono<sup>l</sup> andro agnew sereff off Wigtoun the twelff  
day off october 1591. Suittis callit, the court affirmat, absentis  
amerciat, dempstar Patrik Wairdlaw.

*Inquisitio.*

George m<sup>c</sup>culloch of torhouss,  
W<sup>am</sup> campbell of kerintray,  
Patrik hannay of kirkdaill,  
harie halthoime of Areiss,  
W<sup>am</sup> dunbar in culmalzow,  
Mr w<sup>m</sup> m<sup>c</sup>gowyne commisser off wigtoun,  
Alex<sup>r</sup> gordoun appeirand of balcray,  
Johnne baillie in dunragat,  
Symon m<sup>c</sup>crystine of Clonsche,  
Johnne ramsay off Boighouss,  
Gilbert gordoun of polemallairt,  
W<sup>am</sup> Mwir tutour of Cairnefeild,  
malcolme m<sup>c</sup>kie in dyrrie,

*Jurati.*

The quhilk day compeirit in Jugement the rycht hon<sup>l</sup> Ser  
Patrik wawss of Barnbarrach, knycht, and presentit our souerane  
loirdis breiff, lauchfullie proclamit, dewlie execute, and Indorsat,  
with ane acclame desyring the hono<sup>l</sup> inqueist abouewrittin to  
serrue him, as narrest and lauchfull air maill, to umquhill ane  
reuerend fater in god, george wawss, sumtyme bischope of  
quhitherne, his guidseris brother, Quha deceissit in the moneth  
of                      ye yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup>                      yeiris. Quhilk breiff  
and acclame being oppinly red in jugement to ye foirsaid in-  
queist, and the execution of the said breiff verifeit be w<sup>m</sup>  
m<sup>c</sup>culloch, kingis officer and seruand, vpoun the xx day of  
september last, The said inqueist past furth of cort, as the vse  
is, being rypelie advysit, with the said breiff and clame, and in  
entering agane all on ane voice, but variance, seruit the said  
Ser patrik as air maill narrest and lauchfull to the said umquhill  
george, his gudseris brother, conforme to the said clame; vpoun  
the quhilk seruice and delyuerance the said Ser patrik protestit

for rolment of cort and retour, Quhilk the juge ordanit. Extractum de libro actorum curie vice comitatus de Wigtoun per me clericum dicti vice comitatus notarium publicum submeis signo et subscriptione manualibus vsitatis et consuetis.

Michael cochrane, clericus vicecomitatus  
de wigtoun, notarius publicus.

[In a similar document he was served heir of line by the same jury and at the same date.]

[Sir Patrick now marries his daughter Eupheme to Alexander Baillie, eldest son and heir of William Baillie of Dunragit, by the following Contract, 22d October 1591.]

At Barnebarrach the tuentie twa day off October the yeir of god J<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lxxx alevin yeiris It is appoyntit concordit finalie endit and aggreit betuix the honorabill Ser patrik Waus of Barnebarrach knight for him selff and takand the burding vpoun him for ewffame Waus his lauchfull dochtir on that ane part And Williame bailye of blairschinnoch for him selff and takand the burding on him for alexander bailye his lauchfull sonne and apperand air, and the said William as tutour administratour and gydar for him on the vthir part in maner forme force and effect as eftir followis To witt the said alexander god villing sall compleit the holie band of matrimonie with the said ewffame in face of holie kirk or<sup>1</sup> hallowmes nixtocum and the foirsaid williame sall remvffe the tenentis of the landis of cowlba and blairschinnoch lyand vithin the parochin of longcastell and sheref dome of wigtoun at witsounday nixt or soner as he may haiff occasioun and possess the said alexander and ewffame his apperand spous peciably thairin be ordour of law and sall nocht remowe thame thairfra during the said william lyftyme and eftir his deceis thay to remvff thairfra and possess Jeane lorfeawer present spous to the said williame thairin and scho to leiff vod and red<sup>2</sup> the landis of mekill

<sup>1</sup> Before.

<sup>2</sup> Empty and cleared.

dunragget and balnab to the foirsaid alexander and ewffame And incace the foirsaid alexander deceis befor the said ewffame In that caice the said william bindis and oblissis him his airis etc., etc., to mak the landis of blairschinnoch and cowlba worth thrie hundreith merkis money vsuale of this realme yeirle or to pay thrie hundreth merkis money to hir the said eufame yeirle during hir lyftyme sche leiffing the saidis landis and plenesing to the said william and his foirsaidis and find sufficient caution actit In the commisseris buikis of wigtoun for the yeirle payment of the said thrie hundreth merkis Attour the said william obleissis him his airis and assignais to Infest heritable the foirsaid alexander and ewffame in coniunctie in all and haille the foirsaidis landis of blairschinnoch and cowlba etc., etc. Mairour the said william oblessis him and his foirsaidis to giff to the foirnamit alexander and ewffame thriescoir scheip fyftie bollis aittis and fywe oxin to help to labour the saidis landis of blairschinnoch and cowlba with horssis at his awin discretioun and sall sustine thame with him self in his awin hous and thair fortouns the space of tua yeris honestlie as effeiris eftir thair removing out of the said Ser patrik hous. And farder the said villiam oblessis him that he sall nocht dispoine his rycht kyndnes or possessioun of the foirnamit landis of mekill dunragget and balnab and sall put the foirsaid alexander in rycht and tytill quhilkis he sal happin to obtine of thame with him self for the quhilkis caussis the said Ser patrik oblessis him his lauchfull airis executouris and assignais to content and pay to the said villiam the sowme of fywe hundreth merkis money vsuale of this realme at the feist of the purificatioun of our ladie callit candilmes in the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lxxx tuelff yeiris and vthir fywe hundreth merkis money at candilmes in the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lxxx threttine yeiris extending in the haille to ane thowsand merkis money as tocher with the foirsaid ewffame his lauchfull dochtir Togidder with ane yeiris finding and thair fortounis as effeiris and sall giff thame to help to plenis the saidis landis four oxin fourtie lambes and tuentie bollis aittis and sall [find security for the tocher etc]. Item the said villiam bailye oblessis him and his foirsaidis to pay yeirle to the foirsaid alexander



and his said future spous tuentie bollis aittis to help to thair sustentatioun during his lyftyme alanerlie and the said Ser patrik assignis to thame vj bollis beir to be tane vp out of the landis of arequhassan lyand vithin the parochin and sherefdom befoir-vrittin as donatour to the vaird releiff and nonentrie of william kennedie minor during the vaird onlie etc [clauses of warrandice and registration]. In witnes heirof baith the saidis parteis hes subscryuit this present contract with thair handis day yeir and place as befoirvryttin Befoir thir witnessis williame adair of ganoch Johnne kennedie in barquhonie harie hathorne of mekill areis gilbert bailye in barschangand gavin m'gowyne sonne to mr william m'gowyne commisser (Sic subscribitur) Ser Patrik waus off Barnbarrache knycht with my hand, Williame bailye off blairschynnocht william adair of gannoch witnes Johnne kennedy In barquhony witnes gawyne macgowyne witnes The saidis day and place befoir the saidis witnessis the parteis consentit to the registering heirof.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY of Pinwherrie to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 27th October 1591.

My lord, efter my verie hartlie commendations, I will ernistlie desyre your (lo) that ye vill send me the confirmatioun of barquhany and of the landis of kirkosald vith this berar, that I may have the sycht thair of, and I will promeis your (lo) be this my vrait that I sall send the same againe to your (lo); thairfoir I dout nocht bot your lo vill obey this my reasonable requeist, and nocht put me to the paines as to charge your (lo) be ane law, as I may be me contract, gif your (lo) refusis the same. I willit my cusing, dauid kenedy, to speik your (lo) in this behalf, quha schew me that your (l) wald grant me the sycht of the same. Sa, nocht doutting bot your lo will obey my requeist, as saidis, as I salbe rady to pleser your (lo) quhen occation offeris. my hartlie commendations ramemberit to me ladie, your bed-fallow, committis yow and hir to goddis protectioun. att



garwane,<sup>1</sup> the (27) october 1591.—be youris (lo) to be com-  
mandit at his pouer, Jhone kennedie off pinquherie.

To my verie guid lord and assurit guide freind  
my Lord of barbarrocht.

Letter from HEW WALLACE of Carnell to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 12th February 1591-2.

My Lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioune with serwic,  
pleiss your L wnderstand that the lard of Sornbeg, my oy,<sup>2</sup> hes  
schawin to me that your L hes schawin him greit fauour and  
kyndnes anentis the fordering of him be the law, concerneing  
the actionnes that my said oy<sup>2</sup> hes to persew his father breder-  
ing for the delyuering of his ewidentis, as your (L) knowis the  
maner. quhairfoir I and myne thinkis us adaitit<sup>3</sup> to your L  
to gif your L greit thankis for the kyndnes and freindschip that  
my oy<sup>2</sup> hes found be your L guidwill, and in respeict of the  
commendatioune that my oy<sup>2</sup> maid of your (L) fauour and gud-  
will, he hes moifit<sup>4</sup> me to wryt this lettre of requeist and thankis  
to your L. nocht to trubill your L with langer lettre, bot prayis  
your (L) to help my oy<sup>2</sup> sa far as your (L) may of law, as I and  
my said oy<sup>2</sup> salbe redie to do yowr (L) pleissour and serwic,  
quhen it sall pleiss your (L) to charg ws; and comeitis your (L)  
in the protextioun of the all mychtie god. of carnell the twelf  
day of fabreuer (1591).—Be your L assurit freind at command  
and service, Hew Wallace of carnell.

To the rycht honorbill Lord my Lord of barnbarothe  
delyver this.

Letter from DUNBAR of Mochrum, Younger, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 7th April 1592.

My Lorde, eftir my veray hartlie commendatioun of seruice,

<sup>1</sup> Girvan.

<sup>2</sup> Grandson. A year after this, John Shaw of Sornbeg married Sir Patrick's  
daughter Elizabeth.

<sup>3</sup> Indebted.

<sup>4</sup> Moved.

It will pleis your L at my last cuming out of Ed<sup>r</sup> I was Inquisityve of your L quhat landis your L wauld assing<sup>1</sup> to pay the thridis according to the assumptioun, and your L schew me at your hame cuming that ony of your few landis that aucht to pay, that the tennentis sall anser for the samen without ony farther chargeing. And now it is trew, my Lord, the collector hes send his lettre and commissioun to uptak the thridis for the fourscoir ellevin.<sup>2</sup> as to the Lairde of blarquhenis landis, I have this last setterday poyndit thame alreddie, bot as to your Ls men, thai have nocht bein socht, albeit I am Informit thai have schawin your L that thai have bein boistit<sup>3</sup> to be poyndit, I luik that your L will adverteis me quhome of your servandis ye will command to pay for your few maillis and teyndis for sa mekle as is in the thridis. It is na hurt to your L that the collector be als weill anserit as blairquhen, for your L salbe als esilie handillit. I persave be ane wrytting of M<sup>r</sup> Jhonne dougesouns that he compleins of sum brek of promeis in the Lairde, quhilk apperandlie is ane stay of that guid wrok,<sup>4</sup> that thai war lyk to tak betuix the lairde and yow, In speciall anentis sum harrowing quhilk your L is exemit fra, the secund for chairgeing of your Ls servandis for boist of poynding; as to the first, It was never utherwayis commonit be na freind, bot thair suld have bein tua or thrie singill bailye dayis<sup>5</sup> grantit, teilling, making, fastronis-evin<sup>6</sup> hens<sup>7</sup> (?) being dischargeit, mony of thir thai can not complein; and quhair your men informis your L that thai war bostit to be poyndit, that mater sall nocht cry sua. My Lorde this is slycht motiouns upoun sinnister reportis to stay ane guid and ane godlie work. My Lard ye have ane guid consale to giff to ane freind, taik part of it to your Ls self. quiet your hous with your nychtbouris, and keip baith honour and proffit. The Lorde hes bein ane guid god to yow and your marrow, sen ye met, and hes promuffit your L to greit honour and conqueis, the first conqueis of the warld is to leve your hous in quietnes. Let thir guid and godlie men, that hes the mater betuix the lairde and

<sup>1</sup> Assign.<sup>2</sup> 1591.<sup>3</sup> Threatened.<sup>4</sup> Work.<sup>5</sup> A day's work given by tenants to their landlords.<sup>6</sup> Shrove Tuesday.<sup>7</sup> This word may be henis, hens.

yow in handis, taik sick ordour with it, as may agrie to the glorie of god, and quietnes of yow baith. Swa I leve this last poynt to your L's awn wisdom, and thair guid travell. Luiking for your L's Anser in the former premisses, my commendatiouns of service being rememberit to my ladie. ffrome glastoun, the vii of Apryle 1592.—Your Ls Assurit in ane fassioun,

Mochrum, Younger.

To my veray speciall gude lord,  
my Lorde of barnbarroch.

[On the 29th May this year 1592, Parliament chose as Lords of the Articles, eight clericals, eight noblemen, and eight Barons, among which last was Barnbarroch.]

[The next paper is a Decreet in an Action raised by Sir Patrick against his friend Bargany, to recover lands which he claimed as heir to his grand uncle George, Bishop of Galloway, to whom he asserts that they had been sold just one hundred years previously. The marginal notes by the judge show the progress of the suit for two years.]

Decreet, the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH against THOMAS KENNEDY  
of Bargany, 5th August 1592.

At Edinburgh the fyfte day of August the yere of god i<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourescore twelf yeres anent the summonndis raisit at the instance of Sr Patrik vaus of barnbarrocht, knicht, ane of the senatouris of the college of Justice, narrest and lauchtfull air maill to umquhile ane reuerend fader in god, george bischop of galloway, his grandseris brother, Aganis Thomas kennedie of barganie, successour and air be progress, at the leist appearand air to thomas kennedie of barganie, his grandser, makar of the pretendit infeftment and chartar eftir specifyt, marioun campbell of Corsuell, dochter lawchtfull ane of the tua airis of umquhile findla campbell of Corsuell, at the leist one of the tua airis appearand of the said umqle findla campbell, the vther of

the tua airis of the said umquhile findlaw at the uther of the tua airis appearand to him, Uthrid makdougall of garthland, uthrid makdougall his sone, and appearand air, pretendit heretabill possessouris, or lyferentaris, of ye landis eftir specifyt, And all utheris haveand, or pretendand to have, enteres to the actionn and caus eftirmentionnat. Tuiching the productionn befor the Lordis of counsale of the pretendit infestmentis, charteris, preceptis, and instrumentis of sasing, Of all and haill the foure merkland land and ane half of portincailzie, and twentie schilling land of auld extent of Dowloche, with all thair pairtis, pendicles, and pertinentis, Saulfand and exceptand allanerlie one half aikre of the foirsaidis landis of portincailzie, lyand vponne the north syde of the said toun of portincaillie besyde the seysyde. To the said umquhile Thomas kennedie of barganie for service to haif bene done to his superiour of the samin, Quhilk pretendit infestmentis, charteris, preceptis, and instrumentis of sasing, war maid and gevin be the said umquhile Thomas kennedie of barganie, or quhatsumevir his predicessouris sen the moneth of September, The yeir of god one thousand foure hundreth fourescoir twelf yeris, To the said findlaw campbell of corswell, the saidis mareonn campbell and campbell his airis, Uthrid makdougall of garthland, uthrid makdougall his sone and appearand air, or ony thair predicessouris, Togidder with all retouris, be the quhilkis the saidis personis, or ony of thame, hes seruit and retourit thame selffis as narrest and lauchtfull airis to ony thair predicessouris In the samin landis of portincailzie and dowloch respective with thair pertinentis; And als the instrumentis of sasine, gif ony be, direct thairvponne of quhatsumevir dait or daittis, the saidis pretendit infestmentis, charteris, retouris, preceptis, and instrumentis of sasine following thairvponne, be of eftir the said tuelft day of september, The yeir of god fourescoir twelf yeris foirsaid, To be sene and considderit be the lordis of consalle, and to here and sie the samin, with all that hes followit, or may follow, thairvponne, Retreittit and Rescindit at the instance of the said persewar As haveand vndouttit richt to the propertie thairof, And forder to here and sie the heretabill richt of propertie of the saidis landis



respectiue, with thair pertinentis, be decernit, adiudgeit, and declairit be decreit of the saidis Lordis of counsale, To have perteneit to the said umquhile george bischop of galloway heretablie, And now to pertene to the said Sr Patrik vaus of Barnebarrocht, knight, narrest and lauchtfull air maill to the said umquhile Bischoep; And to that effect that the said persewar may be frelie seruit, enterit, and seissit, as narrest and lauchtfull air maill to the said umquhile george, bischop of galloway, in the saidis landis respectiue, with thair pertinentis, To be bruikit be him, his airis, and successouris, as thair propirtie and heretage in all tyme cuming, for the causs contenit in the saidis summonndis, as the samin at mair lenth beris. The said persewar, being personnallie present with m<sup>r</sup> Johnne shairp his pro<sup>r</sup>, and the saidis defendaris being lauchfullie summound to this actioun, of-tymes callit, and not comperit, The Lordis of counsale continewis ye saidis summoundis in the samin forme, force and effect, as thay are now, but preiudice of partie vnto the aucht day of November nixtocum, with continewatioun of dayis, And ordanis the said persewar to haif lettres to wairne the saidis defendaris To bring with thame the saidis pretendit infestmentis, charteris, preceptis, and instrumentis of sasine, Togidder with the foirsaidis retouris, And als the saidis instrumentis of sasine, gif ony be, direct thairvponne, To be sene and considerit be the saidis lordis, with certificatioun to thame, and thay failie the samin with all that hes followit, or may follow thairvponne, salbe reitreittit, and rescindit, at the instance of the said persewar as haveand undoutit richt to the propirtie thairof. And forder the heretabill richt of the saidis landis respectiue with thair pertinentis salbe decernit, adiudgeit, and declairit be decreit of the saidis lordis of counsale To have perteneit to the said umquhile George, bischop of galloway, heretabillie, And now to appertene to the said persewar, narrest and lauchtfull air to the said umquhile Bischoep. And to that effect that the said persewar may be frielie seruit as narrest and lauchtfull air to the said umquhile george, bischop of galloway, in the saidis landis respectiue, with thair pertinentis, To be bruikit be him, his airis, and successours, As thair propirtie and heretage in all tyme



cuming, Conforme to the desyre of the saidis summundis. Extractum de libro actorum per me Alexandrum hay de eisterkennet, clericum rotulorum registri ac Consilii S. D. N. Regis, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

Alexander hay.

[The following notes are written on the margin of this decretit.]

xxiii Janry 1592.—Alter king—alter Russell—ac moncreif.—To sie the peces.

19 December 1593.—partibus ut supra.—assigns moncreif procurator for the l of garthland the first of Janr to certifie his client and anser In this mater.

16 Janry 1593.—Alter scharp—craig vt moncreif for rouchead—russell for barganie.—To sie the peces.

xx<sup>o</sup> Maii 1594.—partibus vt supra.—ordanis to sie the peces and anser.

primo July 1594.—partibus vt supra.—ordanis to sie the peces.

xxii July 1594.—continewis this mater quhill the ferd day of November nixtocum quhill the nixt sessioun of consent of scharpe and moncreif.

17 Feby 1594.—of consent of mr king and moncreif for baith the parties continewis this mater quhill the xx day of maii nixtocum.

Letter from Sir ANDREW AGNEW to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 24th June 1592.

My lord, eftir my hertlie commendatioun, the berar heiroyf Mr Williame Turner, as I am Informit, hes agreit with the commissar, and hes satisfet him in all thingis, according as he will testefie and mak knawin vnto your (L.) Quhairfoir I will desyre your (L) that as your (L) hes bene ane guid freind and favorer of him hitherto So in lyke wayis your (L) will forder him to get his besines exped. This nocht dowting bot your (L) will do for my requeist, as I salbe habill to do for your (L) requeist agane. Nocht trubling your (L) with farder at this present quhill the nixt occasioun, committis your (L) to the protectioun of the lord ffrome the wigtoun, the xxiiij day of Junij 1592,

Andro Agnew.

To the rycht honorabill and my speciall  
my lord of barnebarroch.

[The following is an extract from an act passed in the last Parliament in favour of Barnbarroch and Mr Peter Young, ratifying their proceedings in Denmark, and confirming them in possession of their lands.]

Acta Parliamentorum JACOBI VI. A.D. 1592.

c. 49 Ratification to the laird of barnebarrauche and Mr Peter Young, and of thair proceedings in the said marriage, and of thair infe<sup>fe</sup>mentis.

Oure Souerane Lord and estaitis of parliament, acknowlegeing and remembring the ernest fauor guid will and affectioun euer borne to his hienes seruice be his richt trustie and weilbelouit counsellour S<sup>r</sup> patrik waus of barnebarrouche, knight, ane of the Senatouris of the college of iustice, and Maister piter young of seytoun, his hienes M<sup>r</sup> elemosinar, and ane of the lordis of his Maiesties privie counsaill, quha nocht onlie at his hienes desyr travellit, and tuik seuerall Jornayis from this realme, as his hienes ambassadoris to the realme of denmark; To wit the said M<sup>r</sup> piter wes directit be his Ma<sup>tie</sup> as ambassadour foirsaid in the moneth of Julij the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir sex yeiris, and sielyk the said S<sup>r</sup> patrik and M<sup>r</sup> piter wer directit in maner foirsaid in the moneth of Maij the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir sevin yeiris, ffor treating and concluding vpoun the heidis of his Maiesties maist honourable marriage with his hienes darrest and weilbelouit spous Anna, now quene of scottis; Bot also vpoun the suddantie, at his hienes request, Tuik woyage, and accompaneit his Maiestie To the realme of Norroway, To the sollempnizatioun of the said marriage, In the moneth of october, the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir nyne yeiris, To thair greit travell, chargis, and expenssis, in remaning with his Maiestie quhill thair returning, quhilk was in the moneth of Desember, the yeir of god foirsaid; That thai wer directit be his Ma<sup>tie</sup> To returne within this realme ffor certane his Maiesties speciall adois within the same, And thairfoir oure said souerane lord, with auise of the saidis estaitis of this present parliament, hes allowit, and be thir

presentis allowis, all thingis done be the said S<sup>r</sup> Patrik waus and Mr piter young, as ambassadouris for his hienes, In thair said Jornayis, and thair awaypassing, attendance, and accompaneing of his Ma<sup>tie</sup> the tyme of his absence In the said realme of norroway, and returning in maner foirsaid, As maist acceptable, guid, and thankfull seruice done to his hienes, and for the weill of his haill realme. And siclyk Oure said souerane lord, with auisse foirsaid, in pairt of recompans of thair said seruice and expensis maid be thame in thair saidis woyages, hes Ratifiet and approvin, and be thir presentisratifies and apprevis The infeftment, gift, and dispositioun, grantit be his hienes to the said S<sup>r</sup> patrik waus of barnebarrauche, knicht, his aris Maill and of tailzie, in the moneth of August, the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir elleuin yeiris, of the landis and baronie of barnebarrauche, and all and sindrie vtheris landis, baronies, rowmes, possessiones, specifeit and contentit in the said infeftment, with the castellis, toweris, mylnis multuris, woddis, fischingis, annexis, connexis, tenentis, tennandries, and seruice of frie tennentis, with aduocatioun, donatioun, and richt of patronage, of the kirkis, baith personages and vicarages, of wigtoun, kirkynner, kirkeowell, and colmonell, and all thair pertinentis, Togidder with the dispositioun, vnioun, and annexatioun, mentionat and expressit in the infeftment foirsaid, ane vthir charter and infeftment grantit be his Ma<sup>tie</sup> To the said S<sup>r</sup> patrik and his airis specifeit thairin, off his twentie twa merk land and ane half; To wit kirrivalk, kirkeane, kildarrook and Clutarche, all lyand within the parrochin of kirkynner, and serefdome of wigtoun, To be haldin of our souerane lord and his successouris ffor payment of the auld few males and dewties vsit and wont thairfoir; and als ane pensioun grantit be his Ma<sup>iestie</sup> To the said S<sup>r</sup> patrik and his aris maill and of tailzie off the sowme of twa hundreth pundis yeirlie, to be takin vp be him allowit and defalkit to him of the few males of his saidis landis, quhilkis he hes in few, Off the dait the first day of junii, the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir tuelf yeiris. [Then follow similar grants to Mr Young] and for his hienes saidis counsallouris thair better securitie of the premissis, Oure said souerane lord, with auisse foirsaid, hes of new grantit and dispoit to his saidis

counsallouris the foirsaid haill richtis respectiue aboue mentionat, and Ordanis the same to be renewit in the maist ample forme.

Letter signed "LARG" (Crichton of Larg) to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, with Memorandum and Receipt, 30th September 1592.

Rycht speciall ame, eftir my hartly commendations your l sall wit that I haif ado with siluer to this raid, and I desyre your l delyuir to this berar my thre peice of gold, quhilk I gaiff to yow, to wit twa roisnobillis <sup>1</sup> with ane dowbill ducat; siclyk, me lord, ye wilbe awand me xiiij or xiiij lib sen the deceiss of my mother, as this wthir wreyt will declair, quhilk I desyre yow to delyuir to this berar; for I haiff ado with siluir, and your l man be sa gud as to send me the samyn, and I sall pleser your l as far, and <sup>2</sup> ye cherge me agane. sa I commit your l to the protexioun of god, at the larg, the last of september 1592.—Be youris l assurit ame at all powar,

larg.

med,—the lard of larg was awand me ten pund at mertemes in the Lxxx yeir of god, quhilk aucht to be deducit of the restis that I am awand to him, to wit xlss yeirly sen the said terme of mertemes to the redemptioun of baryarrak, quhilk was redemitt at

I Jhone Mr (Muir) notar grantis me to haiff ressaut fra the hono<sup>ll</sup> Sir patrik vauss of barnbarrocht, knycht, xxij merkis money for the roisnobillis aboue wrettin, and grantis me resaut the dowbill ducat, in name and behalff of my maister, the lard of larg. subscriyvit with my hand at barnbarracht, the last of september 1592.

Jhone m<sup>r</sup> notar.

To the hono<sup>ll</sup> and his speciall ame Ser patrik  
vauss of barnbarrocht knycht.

<sup>1</sup> Rosenobles.

<sup>2</sup> An, if.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY of BALTERSAN to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 10th October 1592.

My Lord, efter my very hartlie commendatiounis, It will pleis your (ll) to witt that I haue givin florence M<sup>e</sup> dugal ane hundreth poundis, quhilk scho hes givin cloncaird, and ane wther hundreth pound, quhilk scho suld gif to Girwanmainis for the entres of ane steddin; I being werie earnestlie desyrit of hir this to do, as ane of the tutoris to Barquhenei, and according to my promeis to him<sup>1</sup> on his deid bed, quhilk on my conscience my (l), I promiseit befor your dauchter to sie hir payit of the first and reddie, and now I haue tane hir richt thair of, and man gif hir in the rest; for the soum extendis to fyue hundreth and tuentie fyue merk, this martimes nixtocum being includit thairin, quhairtill I haue richt. your (l) knawis Barquhennie departit at youill<sup>2</sup> the fourscoir aucht, and sua Witsonday and Martimes in the fourscoir nyn is the first yeir, fourscoir ten and fourscoir alewin, and aucht scoir of merkis and fyftein yeirly compleitis the sowme foirsaid. And now, me (L), I am oblischt to Jhone of knogdaw for sextein hundreth merkis, to be delywerit on hallow evin nixt, quhilk feiland I man gif him tuenty hundreth merk on martimes evin; and in the main tym hes the laird of carltoun, Gilbert forigusone, and Moreis M<sup>e</sup>Murri, katonaris,<sup>3</sup> and my self to be put to the horn with thame, and na favour to be gottin to me at this manis hand: the particular heirof his brother can declair yow, heirfoir I will pray your (ll), for ony plesair or service I can be abill to do your (l), that ye will be sa guid as to furnisch four hundreth merkis of the soum foirsaid to ane guid count till our meitting in Edinburgh, and in the main tym form your awin aquettance, and I sall subscriue it, or ye sall haue hiris<sup>4</sup> at your plesuir; or ellis, gif your (L) can nocht haue the silwer reddie againis that da, I pray your (l) to travail M<sup>r</sup> Johne ather to delay me of four hundreth merkis a certain space, or

<sup>1</sup> John, son of Hew Kennedy of Barquhanny, who married Sir Patrick Waus's daughter.

<sup>2</sup> Yule, Christmas.

<sup>3</sup> Cautioners.

<sup>4</sup> Hers.



ellis releif me at his hand of the four hundreth merkis, quhilk sal be alyk as gif I had ressavit it my self from yow. I wald haue mett with your (L) myself was not my wyf is dieisit,<sup>1</sup> and hes ane doctor with hir, bot I am disapointit so with the guidman of the chepaill,<sup>2</sup> as this beirar can declair yow, for I tiuk on my land a thousand merkis farnier to lend him to end his blok<sup>3</sup> of balneill, quhilk I hopit to have rassavit now, to haue givin Johne of Knogdaw as he promiseit to me, and now I am compellit to furnisch it my self, or gang to the horn, as said is. Referring the rest to your (L) guidwill concerning my releif heiranent, and quhat this berar travaillis with vith your (L) to be done in my name, I promit be this my hand waryt<sup>4</sup> to fulfill the samin. Omitting to trouble your (l) farder committis yow to godis holie protectioun. from Balterssand, the tent day of October.—Be your Lordschipis to be commandit at power,  
Baltersane.

[The outer sheet with the address is missing.]

[The two following undated letters are by the same.]

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY of Baltersan to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 7th March (1593?).

My Lord, Efter my varie humbill commendationis with servuice, fforsameikill as your (ll) sall witt That my Eme, dauid reid, hes writtin hame to me, declairand of the gret help and furtherance that your (ll) hes maid to him In all my turnis, baith anent the suspentioun aganis william campbell, and also in the Removeing aganis James Craufurd; Quhairfoir I thank your (ll) maist hartlie, for it is nocht now onlie that I haif had your (ll) help and furtherance, bot at all tymes quhen euer I had to do; And I pray god that I may sie the day in your (ll) honest adois That euer I may be abill be my furtherance thairrof To recompace your (ll) guidwill to my power. And as your (ll) euir bene helpfull to me in tymes bigane in my adois, I will yit requiest your (ll) to help and further my Eme, Dauid

<sup>1</sup> Diseased, sick.

<sup>2</sup> Chapel.

<sup>3</sup> Bargain.

<sup>4</sup> Write.

reid, to putt ane end to James crawfurdis removeing in this cessioun: ffor your (ll) knawis the estait of that caus better nor I can declair the samen to your (ll). Haifing na further occasioun at this present, Bot luikis for your (ll) furtherance to my Eme Daid reid thairintill all that your (ll) may in this cessioun, for gif decreit of removeing could be had aganis James craufurd in this cessioun, It wald be grettumlie my weill. Referring the rest to your (ll) guidwill heirintill, committis your (ll) to the protectioun of the almichtie god; with my hartle commendationis to the Lady your bedfallow. Off Mayboill, the sewint of merche, Be your (ll) to be commandit at pouer,

Balterssane.

To the rycht honorable and my verie guid Lord

My Lord off Barnebaro<sup>t</sup>.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY of Baltersan to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 13th July (1584?).

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatiounis, forsamekle as it will pleise your (ll) to ressaue the mineit, quhairin the air<sup>1</sup> of knokdaw, forgus kennedy and Johne kennedy his tutor, war summondit at thair duelling place of Troboyok upon the tuintie aucht day of Jun be James sloan executor, and Rodgar ekelschem, and alexander makilvraith, witnes. I ressauit nocht your (ll) lettir till the tuontie sevin day. The tutor of knokda and I speikis nocht, thairfoir I culd report you nane of his ansueris. your (ll) sall resaue the copie of the tak of drumurchie, quhilk ye gaue me. I pray yow send the summondis of removing of drumurchie wnto me, for ye will get thame but<sup>2</sup> warning, as I haue done sindrie tymis; send thame with this beirar, and with diligence I sall send thame bak to yow again. I haue ane transferring of my wyfis contract, quhilk is registrat, quhilk is na hurt to the bairn of Barquhenny;<sup>3</sup> Thairfoir I wald wis

<sup>1</sup> Heir.

<sup>2</sup> Without.

<sup>3</sup> Hew Kennedy, younger son of Gilbert, second Earl of Cassillis, was designated of Barquhenny, a farm, now part of the estate of Barnbarroch. He was uncle to Catherine, Lady Barnbarroch, and the "bairn" consequently her first cousin.

your (ll) to move nane to mak delay thairin, for ye knaw I will get it don. Referring the rest to your (ll) advertisement, committis yow to the protectioun of god. from the greinan, the Thrattein of Julye, Be your (ll) assurit at pover,

Balterssand.

To my werie guid Lord my lord of Barnbarroch.

[On the back is written]—

Ane summondis of Removing at the instance of wa<sup>m</sup> kennedy of barquhannie, takisman of the landis of four merkland of drumurchie<sup>1</sup> with the pertenantis, lyand within the bailerie of carrik, and serefdom of air, and Ser patrik vauss of barnbarroch knycht, etc., and John kennedy of baltersane his tutoris, for thair entres aganis Andro m<sup>c</sup>martyne, and bannatyne, pretendit fueiris and occupyiris thair of.

Letter [Blank] to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
4th November 1592.

My Lord, eftir my verrie hartlie commendatioun, I haue resaut your (ll) letter. I am suir that your (l) and william m<sup>c</sup>clellan bayth will mak me ane gret mendis for the want of my siluer sa lang, ffor of truth it hinderit me fyve hundreyth merkis of vther turnis that I had ado. Always I will luke now to get my avne siluer, as ye wald I suld pleser yow in all my tyme heireftir. for I can nocht devyde my sovme of thre thousand merkis, and as to the vther thousand pvndis, your (L) vald do me ane gret pleser gif it mycht ony wayis he haid at this terme: And gif nocht, I will be content to resaif the lyk securetie as I haue alredy, till this tyme tolmoth,<sup>2</sup> And this I do to pleser yow, lyke as of befoir. I wald haue gevin the hail ssvm vpon your word. I haue writtin to Mr Alex<sup>r</sup> Cluigstone to schaw yow the same. as to laird levingstoun, I am maist willing that he sall haue the annuell for his sustentatioun, quhair

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Kennedy, second son of Kennedy of Bargany, was designated of Drumurchie.—*Hist. Kennedys*, p. 26.

<sup>2</sup> Twelve months.

eur the siluer be layd, bot As yit I can nocht be persuadit that it salbe bestowit in gallovay, nor yit haue I the avyce of his brother, for he is nocht heir; for I ordan his broder to be ane Dueller in this cuntrie. I will pray your (l) verie earnistlie that I may haue my thre thousand merkis on wodinsday nixtocum, or thurisday at the fardest, for I haue it to transport to vther partis, quhair it mon be delyuerit on mertymes evin. nocht Douting bot your (l) will pleser me In this, as ye wald me to command in ane greiter turne. remitting the rest to your anser with delegens quhat I may luk for, and god preserff you. of the callender, the fferd day of november 1592.—Your l assurit freind at pover,

[Signature cut off.]

To my very speciall good freind  
The Laird of Barnbaru Knycht.

Letter from PATRICK BLANE, Provost of Wigtoun,  
17th December 1592. [Holograph.]

My lord, eftir my maist hartlie commendatioun of seruice, your (l) vnderstandis that the vicarage of crugiltoun vaikis, and the land Is fewit to the sereff, as your (l) knawis, and the rest of the vicarage Is litill gude worth. Nochttheles It wald be sum help to ane freynd myne, Ser nichol m<sup>c</sup>blane. Prayand your (l) that ye will get the gift of It to him, for I heir say the king presentis, and I traist to get him admittit be the kirk, for the mater Is bot sobar, for It is scant worth be yeir; and becaus If he Is neir hand by the samyn vald do him sum support; and quhat your (l) waris thairupoun I sall recompence yow thairoff, with sic vtheris plesouris and seruices as I or the puir man may do to your (l). and thus downtis nocht your (l) will do, as my traist Is in yow. and god keip your (l). At wigtoun, the xvij of December 1592.—be your (l) eftir his seruice,

Patrik blane provest off wigton.

[Address torn off.]

Letter from MARGARET LYON, LADY HAMILTON, to [Blank]  
4th March 1592-3.

Right honorable and speciell freind, eftir werie hartlie commendatione, my (lo) my husband haifand so lowinglie and frelie dealt In ending my turnis with yow, and now haifand to doe befor your (lo) of sessione aganis Mr peter yong, I man earnestlie requyst yow that my (lo) may haif experience of your gudwill and fawor In this particular, being ane thing altogether agriabill to the common law of the cuntrie, and guid conscience, I pray yow lat my (lo) find that for my causs ye ar ernist and fordwart In that turne. so referring to the nixt occasione, I commit yow to god. frome Kinneil, the 4 day of marche 1592.—  
Your assurit guid freind at power,

Margaret Lyonn.

[The outer sheet with address is missing.]

[The marriage of another daughter to John Shaw of Sornbeg follows. Among the witnesses is William Wallace, minister of Failford, whose letter from Elsinore is given above. Sornbeg's mother was Helene Wallace, probably of the same family.]

Marriage Contract between JOHN SHAW of Sornbeg and  
ELIZABETH WAUS, 15th March 1592-3.

At the Sornbeg and the fyiftene and  
dais of Marche respectiue the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir tuelf  
and yeiris. It is appoyntit, agreit, contractit, bundin,  
and finallie endit, betuene the honourabill parteis vnderwrittin,  
To wit Ser patrik Vass of barnebarrocht knycht, for him self  
and takand the burdene in and vpone him for elisabeth Vauss  
his lauchfull dochter, and als the said elisabeth for hir self, on  
that ane part, and Johne schaw of sornebeg for him self on the  
vther part, in maner, forme, force, and effect, as efter followis:  
That is to say the said Johne schaw of sornebeg sall, godwilling,  
marie, and to his lauchfull wyif haif, the fornameit elisabeth,



and sall solempintlie compleit the band of Mariage with hir conforme to the ordour of the kirk betuix the dait heirof and the Tuentie day of Maj nixtocum but <sup>1</sup> langer delay: And in lyikmaner the said Johne schaw of sornbeg bindis and oblissis him, his airis, and assignis, be his charter and seseing following thairvpone in dew and competent forme, conteneand all claussis of warrandyce neidfull, dewlie and sufficientlie to infest the said elisabeth in hir pure Virginitie, and befoir the compleiting of the said mariage, in lyifrent for all the dayis of hir lyiftyme in all and haill the said Johneis landis of polkemmet, extending to ane fyftie scheling Land or thairby, of auld extent, with thair pertinentis (etc., etc.); and lyikwayis in all and haill the corne Mylne of the landis abovewrittin, with the thirle multer <sup>2</sup> and suckin <sup>3</sup> of the samin, Lyand within the parochin of levingstoun and sherefdom of Linlithgow; And alsua in all and haill the said Johne schawis Tua merkland of nether Langsyd of auld extent with the pertinentis, lyand within the parochin of richartoun and sherefdom of air, To be hauldin, etc., etc. [Which lands, etc. John Shaw binds himself to make sure and free to his future spouse] fra all and sindrie wairdis, releueis, nonentress, ladyis terceis, coniunctfeis, Lyifrentis, annuall rentis, preuie seseingis euictioneis, recognitioneis, forfaltouris, bastardreis, disclamations, inhibitioneis, decreitis, and fra all and sindrie vther accidentis and Inconuenientis quhatsumeuir that can fall on the saidis landis and mylne, or ony part thairof, for quhatsumeuir deid or occasione bygane or to cum (etc., etc.), and quhilk landis of polkemmet and Nather Langsyd with the Mylne foirsaid the said Johne schaw bindis and oblissis him and his foirsaidis to mak worth in yeirlie rent and profite to the said elisabeth duiring hir Lyiftyme worth the sowme of fyve hunder merkis vsuall money of scotland (etc., etc.), and that in full contentatione to hir of hir full terce and coniunctfie of all landis that may ony wayis pertene to hir be deceis of the said Johne hir future spous quhen it sall happen. ffor the quhilk mariage to be compleittit as said

<sup>1</sup> Without.

<sup>2</sup> Thirle-multer, the duty to be paid by thirlage for grinding.

<sup>3</sup> Sucken, the duty paid at a mill.

is, and vtheris caussis abouewrittin, the said Ser patrick waus bindis and oblissis him, his airis executoris and assignis, to content, pay, and thankfully delyuer, to the said Johne schaw of sornebeg, his airis or assignis, the soume of Tua thowsand merkis money foirsaid in name of tochquhir at the termeis vnderwrittin, To wit the sowme of fyve hunder merkis money thairof vpone the secund day of februar, callit candilmes day nixtocum, and sicklyik yeirlye successiue vpone the secund day of february the sowme of fyve hunder merkis ay and quhill the said sowme of Tua thowsand merkis money tochquhir foirsaid be compleitlie payit. And alsua the said elisabeth, with consent of the foirnameit Ser patrik hir father, be the tennour heirof acceptis the saidis landis of polkemmet and Nader langsyid with the milne foirsaid and thair pertinentis in full contentatione and satisfactiōe to hir of hir terce and coniunctfie; and now as than, and than as now, with consent foirsaid dischairgeis and quytelaimeis quhatsumeuir rycht terce of Landis that may fall to hir Throw deceis of the said Johne hir future spous quhen it sall happin ony maner of way. [Obligation to resign the lands for new infestment.] And vnto euerie heid, article, and claus, abouewrittin ather partie bindis and oblissis thame and thair foirsaidis to keip and fulfill thair partis respectiue heirof to vtheris in the suirest maner; And sall eik, reforme, renew, and Inlarge, thir presentis to vtheris on thrie dayis wairning be ather partie sa oft, and how oft, as neid beis, ay and quhill the complenar be fully satisfeit in securitie of the premissis. [Clause of registration.] In witnes quhairof ather partie hes subscriyveit thir presentis with thair handis Placeis dayis month and yeir of god respectiue abowewrittin Befoir thir witnessis at sornebeg hew wallace of carnell robert wallace his sone and apperand air william wallace minister of failfurd Johne craufurd of craufurdland george ros of haning, Mr peter primrose minister at McLene<sup>1</sup> with robert aitkin notar with william wallace of brighous vitnes (sic subscribitur) Syr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroche knycht Johne schaw of sornbeg William Wallace of Brighous vitnes G. Ros of Hanyng as Witnes Hew Wallace of Carnell as

<sup>1</sup> Mauchline.

watnes Jhone craufurd . of craufurdland vitnes Williame Wallace of Smyston vitnes Robert Wallace younger off Carnell as witnes Mr peter prymrose witnes Robert Aiken notar witnes.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
1st June 1593.

Rycht traist freind We greit yow hartlie weill. having deliberat that oure Parliament sall proceed god willing at the first day of July nixtocum, and writtin to oure estaitis preceislie to keip the said day, We will thairfoir desyre yow effectuuslie that ye faill nocht to be present at the same day, To gif your guid aise and assistance in sic materis as ar to be treated in our said parliament, As ye will declair your guid affectioun to our seruice and weill of our natiue cuntrie, and will do us acceptable pleaser. Thus we committ yow to almichtie god. At haliruidhous, the first day of Junij 1593,

James R.

To our traist freind  
Ser Patrik waus of Barnbarroch knycht.

[In this Parliament, commissions were appointed "Anent the Cunzie," and "Anent the Ministeris stipendis," and of both of these Sir Patrick was a member. Extracts from the Acts here follow.]

1593. c. 31. Commissioun Anent the Cunyie.

The Kingis Ma<sup>tie</sup>, and estatis of this present parliament, Gevis and grantis full pouer and commissioun to Sir thomas lyoun of avldbar, Knicht, thesaurair to our soverane lord, walter commendator of blantyre, lord privie seill, Eduard commendator of kinloss, Mr Robert Douglais, provest of lincluden, collectour generall, Mr Johnne lindsay, persoun of menmvre, S<sup>r</sup> patrik waus of barnebarrauche, knicht, Alexander Hay of eister kennet, clerk of register, Mr David m<sup>e</sup>gill of cranstounriddell, aduocat to

souerane lord, Mr Daid carnegie of culluthie, Johnne arnot, and henrie nysbit, burgesses of edinburgh, or ony sevin of thame coniunctlie, my lord thesaurair or his depute being alwayis ane of the sevin, to meit and convene togidder, quhen and quhair his hienes sall gif directioun, And thair to Consult, treat, and conclude, Anent the mater of the cunzie, presentlie current within the realme, etc.

1593. c. 45. Commissioun Anent the Ministeris Stipendis.

Similar to the above to Williame Erll of mortoun, Jo<sup>n</sup> erll of mar, S<sup>r</sup> thomas lyoun of auldbar, knicht, thesaurair to our souerane lord, walter commendater of blantyre, lord privie seill, alexander lord vrquhart, president of the college of iustice Edward commendater of kinross, M<sup>r</sup> Robert douglais, provest of lincluden, collector generall, maister Johnne lindsay, persoun of menmvre, and S<sup>r</sup> patrik waus of barbarrauche, knicht, or ony sevin of them coniunctlie, to convene at syc tyme and place as the saidis commissioneris sall appoint among thame selfis, and thair to treat and confer how in quhat maner thair may be ane minister prouydit at ilk parroche kirk within this realme, and anent thair prouisioun To locall sufficient stipendis, etc., etc.

[In the same parliament an act was passed by which the King resumed possession of Patronages he had given away, with certain exceptions, amongst which were the four held by Sir Patrick Waus.]

1593. Acta Parliamentorum Jacobi VI. (vol. iv., 29a),  
anent new infeftments with richt of patronage.

Oure Souerane Lord and estaitis of this parliament Considdering how his hienes hes bene grytumlie circumvenit in granting of new infeftmentis To sindrie personis of thair landis Including thairwith be thair importune sute the aduocation donation and richt of patronage of dyuerss kirkis and benefices Quhilk neuer pertinit to thame of befor bot to his maiesties presentatioun Specialie quhair the personis prouidit thairto is



yit in lyff [etc., etc.]. For remeid quhairof our souerane lord and  
 estaitis foirsaidis . . . be the tennour heirof decernis and dec-  
 laris all sic infeftmentis grantit in tymes bypast or to be grantit in  
 tymes cuming be his hienes Contenand the gift and dispositioun  
 of the richt of ony patronage aduocatioun and donatioun of  
 benefice quhilk pertenit of befoir to his hienes [etc., etc.] salbe  
 in all tymes cuming null and of none avail force nor effect [etc.,  
 etc., etc.], and the said richt of patronage of the saidis benefices  
 to returne to his hienes [etc., etc.], but preiudice alwayes of the  
 saidis infeftmentis anent the remanent landis thairin contenit  
 quhilk sall remane in the awin strenth and effect. Reservand  
 alwayes to the kingis maiestie libertie to except sic out of this  
 act as he sall deliuer to the clerk of register within aucht dayis  
 efter the dait heirof. According to the quhilk reseruatioun his  
 maiestie exceptit furth and frome the said act The infeftmentis  
 grantit be his hienes to the personis efter following: These are  
 Walter Prior of Blantyre, in favor and to the behoof of Ludouik  
 Duke of Lennox, Earl Darnley, Lord Torboltoun, Methven and  
 Aubigny, John Lord Invermaith, Andrew Lord Stewart of  
 Ochiltree, John Lord Thirlestane, Umquhile James master of  
 Sinclair, Alexander Lord of Spynie, Sir Robert Meluill of Mur-  
 docarney, Sir John Cockburn of Ormeistoun, Sir William Keith  
 of Delnies, John Levingstoun younger of Donipace, Sir Patrick  
 Vaus of Barnebarrauche knight "of the landis and barony of  
 Barnebarrauche lyand within the sheriffdome of Wigtoun with  
 the aduocation donatioun and richt of patronage of the kirkis of  
 kirkynner, kirkcowane, cammanell, and vigtoun," David Mc Gill  
 of Cranstounriddell aduocat to oure souerane Lord, John Stewart  
 Sheriff of Bute, Sir Walter Ogilvy, Sir David Lindsa of Edyell,  
 John Hay of Urie, Alexander Fraser of Phillorth, Patrick  
 Mowett of Buquhollie, and George Sinclair of Maii.

Receipt by WILLIAM GORDON, Craighlaw, "Guidson" to LADY  
 BARNBARROCH, 28th May 1593.

I, William Gordoun of Crachlaw grantis me to haif resaveit  
 fra my guidmother the Ladie Barnbarroche the sowme of thret-



teine hundrethe and fourscoir merkis money, and that in part of payment of ane thowsand pundis money for my tocher of the quhilk sowme of xiii hundret and four scoir merkis money aboue wryttin I hald me weill content and payit and quytelameis and dischargeis the said Ladie Barnbarroche and all vther quhome effeiris be this my discharge subscriyveit with my hand at Barnbarroche the xxviiij day of Maij 1593 yeris befor thir witnes Johne Kennedy in Barquhony William M<sup>c</sup>Ke in Lybrek and Thomas Kennedy in Kerybroyne with vtheris dyvers.

(signed) Williame Gordon of Crauchlaw w<sup>t</sup> my

[The contract of this marriage has not been found, but as the tocher Sir Patrick gave his daughters up to October 1591 was 1000 merks, and in March 1592-3 he gave 2000 merks, and in 1594 £1000,—it is probable this marriage took place in 1592 or 1593. The bride's name has not been preserved.]

Letter from WILLIAM M<sup>c</sup>CLELLANE of Auchlein to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 23d August 1593. [Holograph.]

Jesus.

My Lord efter me verie hartlie commendatioun and seruice, forsamekle as I delywerit to william m<sup>v</sup>re the xii of this instant twelscoir pundis monie, all in gold, to have bein delywerit to your (l) befor your (l) cuming of the town, quhilkis, as god sall juge me, I luikit your (l) had resaut aye quhill I resaut your (l) anser, alwayes I maist hvmelie crave your (l) pardone, for, as god sall juge me, I did quhat I wes able. alwayes me gudsone, Jhone broun, come heir this Last woddynsdaye, and samekle as I resaut thair of abake agane It will pleis your (l) to resave, quhilkis is alevin scoir pundis to me gude comptt. and as to the rest, I sall provyde it schortlie with goddis (g) to your (l) contentment, and geve thingis frame with me that I have in hand, I sall se your (l) with goddis (g) peyit, or ellis satisfeit of your (l) haill sowme befor martingmes, for geve I culd amend it, or your (l) war offendit with me I had rather sell the best

Landis I have. ffarder your (l) sall wit that the Laird of garthland is addettit to ws twa yeris dewteis of his kirk of kirkcum,<sup>1</sup> quhilkis extendis to twa hundreth and xvi merkis, and I have wryttin to him for the samyn with this beirrare; and becaus I vnderstand he will the rather anser me for your (l) Letter, I man dyssyre your (l) to wryte ane letter with this beirrare vnto hym, and dyssyre hym ather to anser the beirrare, or vthirwyes to appoint quhat vthir daye he plessis, and to send it with ane of his awin, togyether with ane discharge, and we sall subscribe it, and geve he dowttis of ony thing, I sall send hym catioun in the rennis,<sup>2</sup> for his relieve. I am informit your (l) is to be in the kenmore schortlie, and geve your (l) wald make me foirsein of your (l) dyett, I wald meitt your (l) thair. swa with me hartlie commendatioun of service to me Ladie, to nixt occatioun, I commit your (l) to the almythe. Auchlein, the xxij of august 1593.—Youris (l) eime at powar and service,  
wiam M<sup>c</sup>clellane of auchlein.

I praye your (l) be nocht offendit that your (l) wes disapointit be me at this tyme, for it wes sair aganis my will. for that same daye your (l) come outt of the town william mvre come to it or<sup>3</sup> twa efter none and I luikit your (l)suld nocht have cumin awaye quhill woddynsdye, as your (l) had wontt to do.

To the rycht honorable and his eime me (L)  
of barnebarathe geve this.

Acquittance by JOHN YOUNG, Minister of Longcastle, for the  
Teinds of the Parsonage and Vicarage of Longcastle, 23d  
October 1593. [Holograph.]

I, Jon young, minister at Mochrum and longcastel, be the tenour heiroyf grantis me to haf resavit fra the handis of the rycht hono<sup>l</sup> Ser patrik waus of barnbarroche the Sowm of fourte acht libis Mone, and that for the teindis of the vicarage and parsonage of longcastel, of the crop and yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> four seoir xii yeiris quhairof I grant me veill content and payit, and of all wther

<sup>1</sup> Kirkcolm.<sup>2</sup> Rhinns (of Galloway).<sup>3</sup> Before.

yeiris preceding the dait heirof, be this my acquittans, subscri-  
vit with my hand at barnbarroche, the xxiii day of oktober 1593.

Jon Young minister at longcastel,  
with My hand

Endorsed—Johne Yovngis acquittance of parsonage and  
vicarag of longcastel anno 1592.

[Is this the same John Young who wrote a letter as minister  
of Wigtoun on 21st September 1582, and who was named by the  
Laird of Garlies as having been dangerously wounded on 19th  
May 1587, and in whose favour, as Minister of Beith, the  
Master of Eglinton wrote on 23d May 1591 ?

Barnbarroch sat in Parliament on 17th December and 18th  
January following.]

Letter from MARGARET LYON, LADY HAMILTON, to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH, 4th March 1593-4.

Rycht honorable and maist speciall freind, efter my maist  
hartlie commendatioun, I thank yow richt hartlie for the painis  
ye haue tane. I am verie glaid It is come to this point, for my  
lord I assuir yow is as earnest as I am to haue my securities  
exped, for we ar, god willing, to pas to anguiss<sup>1</sup> the nixt oulk,<sup>2</sup>  
and I haue nocht vill that we gaing furth of this cuntrie quhill  
that matter be Endit, seing my lord Is sa weill villing: for tyme  
ye knaw may alter monye things. I haue ressawit your letter,  
quhairby I persauie your opinioun, and that ye think It is  
sufficient aneuch that my awin name be In the Euidentis, bot I  
am effrayit that sal nocht be sa guid as be ane mediat persoun.  
alvyiss, as ye haue begun, sa I man earnestlie requeist yow to  
follow furthe, and, hauing M<sup>r</sup> Jhone schairp, M<sup>r</sup> Jhone Skein  
with yow, that ye tak pains to speak my lord chancellor, and  
tak his advyss In this lykvyiss. I haue vrettin to my brother<sup>3</sup>  
that ye may advyss vith him. Referring the rest to your  
discretioun, with credit to the berar, I commit yow to the pro-

<sup>1</sup> Angus.

<sup>2</sup> Week.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Lyon, Master of Glamnis.

tection of god. from kinneill, the 4 of marche 1593.—Your  
assurit guid freind at power,

Margarit lyonn.

[Address torn of.]

Letter by ALEXANDER GORDON of Balcray to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 22d June 1593. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter meist hertlie commendatioun of service, your (l)  
sall resaue the suspentioun betuix the lard of garleis and your  
(l), quhilk was execute<sup>2</sup> the xvi day of this Instant at his dwel-  
ling place of glastoun; officiar Jhone M<sup>c</sup>kedie, witnes watie  
m<sup>c</sup>gill, my man, Jhone dixsoun the lardis m<sup>r</sup> cuik, and Jhone  
angus his corriur,<sup>1</sup> that winnis<sup>2</sup> his stanes. I maid Intimatioun  
of the samin to the provest of lincluden,<sup>3</sup> bot ye sall indorse  
vpon him, as gif ye var summoundit at his chalmer in edinbroche.  
I maid Intimatioun in lyk maner of the said suspentioun to  
Machirmoir. as to the summoundis of removeing, and your  
summoundis of reducioun, I omit that quhill my outcuming,  
quhilk wilbe wythin ten or xii dayis. ffarder your (l) sall wit I  
spak wyth the lard of bombie<sup>4</sup> anenttis your (l) turnes, quhome I  
find mindit to end vyth your (l) anenttis the vodset. he assuris  
me that the guidman of culnachtie hes offerit him out of skel-  
larie xxx bollis vittuall, sua he sall maik etoun to be worthe sax  
scoir bollis vittuall presentlie, and as to Jhone dumbar and  
thomas m<sup>c</sup>clelland, he will vse the law aganis thame. he thinkis  
this matter can nocht end betuix your (l) and him quhill your  
(l) incuming in the cuntray. will nocht wryt farder in this  
matter to your (l) quhill my outcuming, at the quhilk tyme I  
sall haif farder of his mynd thairanent. and god preserue your  
(l). off barnebarrache, the xxii of Junii.—Your (l) servitor at  
his vttermest power,

Alex<sup>r</sup> gordon apperand off balcray.

To my werray guid lord and maister  
my lord of barnebarrache delyuer this.

<sup>1</sup> Quarrier.

<sup>3</sup> Mr Robert Douglas.

<sup>2</sup> Gets by labour.

<sup>4</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clelland.

Letter from THOMAS M'CLELLAND of Bomby to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efter my warie hartlie commendatioun, fforsamekill as I am informit be my ffrend, william m'clellane, that ye haif bein ane speciall freind wnto him in becuming cationar ffor him in the bessiness betuix the maister of levestoun and him, ffor the quhilk cawis I am graitlie adettit to your (l), and sall be reddie to plesor your (l) with als graitt cowrtasie, geif ye will charge me. As allsua he hes travellitt ware<sup>1</sup> ernistlie with me anent the excambing of certane landis betux your (l) and me, quhilk thing I is willane cum to pas, geif swa be your (l) will mak me as guid as my awin;<sup>2</sup> thairfoir I think it meitt, geif your (l) laser may sereff,<sup>3</sup> that ye and I meitt att bardrocheid wpone setterday nixt at twelf houris, that we may confer vpone that purpois our selfis; and geif your (l) may nocht meitt, that ye will aduerteis me be your letter with this berare, and geif your (l) laser may sereff<sup>3</sup> to meitt, thair neidis na advertisement. Swa till our meiting I commit yow to god. kirkcudbrycht, this vodnisday at evin. I pray yow haif me hartle commendit to my antt, your bedfallow.—Youris eme at hes vter pouar,

Bomby.

To his ware speciall Eyme my lord of barnbarroche.

Letter probably from an AGENT in Kirkcudbright,  
23d October 1593.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun of service, I ressauit your (l) lettir And acording thairto hes maid your charter of etoun, quhilk your (l) sall ressaue seallit and subscryuit. Bot as to contene thairin pit and gallous,<sup>4</sup> The lard culd not do sa,

<sup>1</sup> Very.

<sup>2</sup> If your Lordship will give me land of equal value to my own.

<sup>3</sup> Leisure may serve.

<sup>4</sup> "Pit and gallows. A privilege conferred on a baron, according to our old laws, of having on his ground a pit for drowning women, and gallows for hanging men, convicted of theft" (*Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary*). The right to use this feudal privilege was falling into disuse; still Sir Patrick seems to have claimed



Becaus it is nocht in his awin chartir, ffor I maid it Just conforme to his originall charter thairof, Bot at your (l) being in ed<sup>r</sup> The lard will mak your (l) sufficient richt thairto, for he hes it be bailyearre, and will constitute yow bailye depute to that effect. Ressaue als the extract of your (l) contract, and your instrument of seasing in the annual rent out of the gretnayes. Your (l) neidit nocht to haif send me sic payment, for I wald do quhat I can to plesser your (l) but<sup>1</sup> payment, for quhen I haif ado I will be hamelie with your (l). This to your (l) nixt occasioun, committis your (l) to god. off kirkcudbycht the xxij of october 1593.—Your (l) to be commandit with service.

[The address and signature are cut off, but this is written in the same handwriting as the next letter.]

Letter from THOMAS M'CLELLAND of Bomby to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 23d October 1593.

My lord, efter my very hartlie commendationis, Pleis your (l) ressaue the reuersionis of etoun, viz. twa reuersionis grantit be archebald mure, albeit I vndirstude it hade bene in ane reuersioun, another reuersioun be the lard blairquhan.<sup>2</sup> And as for sorbeis<sup>3</sup> reuersioun, it is nocht yit maid, bot the contract is registrat in the commisseris bukis of vigtoun, And he will subscriyue ane reuersioun gif it neid. Ressaue your charter, and as to include pit and gallous thairin, I can nocht, becaus I am nocht sa infest my self, Bot in Edin<sup>r</sup> I sall satefie yow in that point. I will haif my reuersionis subscriyuit be yow afoir ye pas to ed<sup>r</sup> I culd nocht presentlie send thame to yow for haist, as also ye man be seasit afoir the reuersionis be subscriyuit. nocht ellis, bot with my hartlie commendationis to my ant, your vyfe, commitis yow to god. Off kirkcudbricht, the xxij of october 1593.—Your (l) at his pouar,

Bomby.

To the rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> my lord of Barnbarrocht.

his rights, although this was a mortgage transaction, and the land was conveyed to him only in security.

<sup>1</sup> Without.

<sup>2</sup> Kennedy of Blairquhan.

<sup>3</sup> Abannay of Sorbie.

Letter from Mr TURNER, Commissary, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, Friday 1593. [Holograph.]

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun of service, I marvell meikill that your (l) dois direct wrytingis to vtheris concerning your lordschip effairis, and nocht vnto me, seing that thair salbe nane that sall do thame with better will, nor greitar diligence, nor sall I, as weill in your lordschipis absence as presence. Quhairfoir it will pleis your lordschip in tyme cumming to charge na vther bot me in matteris that I am abill to do, vnto sic tyme as I sall refuiss; and than baythe your lordschip and I sall Justlie think that I haue nocht done my dewtie, according as I had occasioun. ffor assure your lordschip that thair salbe na turne that your lordschip sall have to do, be it contrair quhatsumeuer, bot I sall be als riddie to do my indevoir as ony that takis your (l) meit and fie; for I can tyne na thing bot that quhilk it pleisit your (l) to help me to: And thairfoir I pray your (l), gif ony makis yow to belieue vtherwayis, belieue thame nocht quhill your (l) sie the contrair, and than declair it to my self. syndrie bysines, and the foulnes of the wedder, hes bene ane lat vnto me to cum vnto your (L). I have gevin to this beirar ane summondis of aithe aganeis william houstoun, with twa summondis of instance; your registereit tak of the teindis of quhithorne is extractit, and in riddines, persew quhan ye will. I wist nocht quhill this morneing that your (l) had wrytin sa oftentymeis for summondis. Nocht ellis, Bot makand my hartle commendatioun of service to your (l) is ladie, committis your (l) to god. frome Wigtoun, this fryday, 1593—Youris L seruitair at power to be commandit, W<sup>me</sup> turner Commissar.

To the rycht worschipfull and my speciall  
Lord my Lord of Barnebarrocht.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
3d August 1594.

Trustie and weilbelouit consallour We greitt yow hartlie weill.

The tyme of the solempnitie of the Baptisme now schortlie approching, Requisit it is that a lytill befor our consall be conuenit, and present with ws heir, for our better accompaneyng, and thair gud avyss and opinioun to be had in all thingis belanging that turne, tuiching ws sa neirlie in honour and weill. We have thairfoir thocht gud effecteouslie to desyr yow That ye faill nocht to be heir at ws vpon tysday cum aucht dayis, the xiii day of this instant, for the effect forsaid, as ye will do ws acceptabill plesour and service. Sa we committ yow to god. frome sterling, the thrid of August 1594.

James R.

To our trustie and weilbelovit counsallour the Laird of Barnbarrow ane of the Senatouris of our colledge of Justice, etc., etc.

Marriage Contract between WILLIAM HOUSTOUN of Cottreoch  
and CATHERINE WAUS, 28th August 1594.

At Barnbarrache the twentie aucht day of august the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir and fourtein yeiris, it is appointit, agreit, contractit, and finalie endit, betuix the rycht honourabill Sir patrik waus of barnbarrache knycht, ane of the senatouris of our souerane lordis college of Justice, for him self and takand the burding on him for katherein waus his lauchtful dochter on the ane part, and villiam houstoun elder of cottreoeche for him self, and takand the burding on him for villiam houston his lauchtful sone and apperand air on the vther part, in maner, forme, and effect, as followis: That is to say the said villiam houstoun youngar, godvilling, sall compleit the band of mariage and matrimonie in face of haly kyrk with the said katherein waus betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of alhallowmess nixtocum: And the said villiam houstoun eldar sall before the compleiting of the said mariage infest and seis the said villiam his sone and apperand air forsaid, and the said katherein waus, in coniunctinfestment, the langar leyffar of thame twa [etc., etc.] in all and hail the equall ane half of the fyve merkland of cotcloy wyth mansioun dwelling place, yardis and pertinentis thairaff, lyand vythin the parochin of quhithern,

barrony of bysbe, and sherefdome of vightoun; And siclyk sall infest and seis the said villiam, and katherin his futur spous, the langar leyffar of thame twa, and thairis abouewritin as said is, in all and haille ane annuellrent of ane hundreth merkis gude and vsuall money of this realme, yeirlie to be vplyftit be thame, and tane furth of all and haille the vther equall half of the saidis Landis of coteloy vyth the pertinentis, lyand as said is, at twa termes in the yeir, vitsonday and merteimes in vynter, be equall portionis, and that in full satisfacioun and contentatione to the said katherin of hir coniunctie: To be haldin of the said villiam his ayris and assignais, the said katherin payand the few mailles of the said equall half of the saidis land and annuell rent forsaid, safer as sall pertene to hir part thairof, to the said villiam and his forsaidis, gyfe it salhappin hir said futur spous to deceiss before hir. And sall entir the said villiam and his futur spous in the reall and actuall possessioun and occupying of the ground of the said ane half of the saidis landis of coteloy, vyth the pertinentis respectiue abouewritin, at michaelmes nixtocum in this instant yeir of gode. And siclyk sall entir and posses the said villiam his sone forsaid in the reall and actuall possessioun and occupying allanerlie of the vther half of the saidis landis of coteloy, vyth the pertinentis, quhairin he sall nocht be infest and sesit; And sall deliuer to him the oxin and seid, quhilk salhappin to be vpon the ground thairof, at the feist and terme of vitsonday nixtocum, in the yeir of gode j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir and fyfteyne yeiris, to be vsit and disponit vpon to his awin vse during his said fatheris Lyftyme. Attour the said villiam houstoun of cottreoch bindis and oblessis him to the said Sir patrik, and to the said villiam his sone and apperand air forsaid, that he sall nather dispone annalie<sup>1</sup> nor provide ony of the landis of cottreoch, coteloy, the maroche and myln of bysbe, or ony part thairof respectiue forsaidis, to ony vther of his bayrnis, gottin or to be gottin, nor to na vther persone, fra the said villiam his apperand air forsaid, And sall nocht defraude him of the said landis, or ony part thairof, extending to ten pund landis; Except it salbe lesum<sup>2</sup> to the said villiam houstoun

<sup>1</sup> Alienate.<sup>2</sup> Lawful.

elder of cottreoch to infest and seis his futur spous, gif it sal-happin him to marye heireftir, in alsmeikle land for hir lyftyme as his fyrst vyfe vas infest in for her lyftyme allanerlie. ffor the quhilkis causis the said Sir patrik waus of barnbarrach, knycht, bindis and oblessis him, his ayris and assignais, to infest and seis be charter and seising maid in dew and competent forme titulo oneroso, contenand all claussis of varrandice generall and speciale, the said villiam houstoun elder of cottreoch, his ayris and assignais, in all and haill ane annuall rent of ane hundreth pundis gude and vsuall money [of this] realme, yeirlie to be vpliftit and tane be [the said] villiam and his [forsaidis] furth off all and haill the said Sir patrik his fyve merk landis of prestorie, or ony part thairof, vith the pertinentis of the samen, lyand vythin the parochin of quhithern and sherefdom of vigtoun, at twa termes in the yeir, vitsonday, and merteimes in vynter, be equall portionis, To be haldin of the said Sir patrik his ayris and assignais in fre blanche for payment of ane penny yeirlie in name of fre blanche vpon the ground of the saidis landis at the feist and terme of vitsonday, gif it be askit allanerlie; And sall varrand the said annuel rent of ane hundreth pundis money forsaid to the said villiam houstoun and his forsaidis fre fra all vardis, relyffis, nonentress, recognitionis, purprestouris, forfaltouris, alienationis, dispositionis, lyfrentis, coniunctfeis, ladeis terceis, annuell rentis, impositionis, taxationis, repossessionis, vtheris sesing privat or publict, and fra all vther dangeris and inconuentientis, alsweill nocht namit as namit, present, bygane, and tocum quhatsumeuir, quhilk may stoip or impeid the payment of the said annuell rent, Beginnand the fyrst termes payment thairof, videlicet fyfye pundis money forsaid, at the feist and terme of vitsonday nixtocum in the yeir of gode j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>e</sup> fourscoir and fyftyne yeiris; The second termes payment, videlicet ane hundreth pundis money abouevertin, at vitsonday nixt thaireftir in the yeir of gode i<sup>m</sup> v<sup>e</sup> fourscoir and saxtene yeiris: And swa furth yeirlie and termlye at twa termes in the yeir be equall portionis, videlicet fyfye pundis at the terme, ay and quhill the lauchfull redemptioun of the samin be payment of ane thowsand pundis money forsaid to the said



villiam houstoun eldar of cottreoch, his ayris and assignais, in name of tochir vyth the said katherine.<sup>1</sup> [After further provisions for the payment of the tocher, and interest on it till paid,] the said Sir patrik binds and oblessis him his ayris and assignais to intertene the said villiam houstoun youngar and his futur spous honestlie and sufficientlie as effeiris for the space of ane yeir next efter the completing of the said mariage: And geif it sall pleis thame to remane at hayme and nocht to pas to edinburgh vyth the said Ser patrik in that cais he sall content and pay thair chargis quhair it salhappin thame to be on buyrding for the space of ane yeir forsaid. Attour the said Sir patrik bindis and oblessis him and his forsaidis that he sall caus the tennentis of presterie forsaid presentlie becum actit vyth him coniunctlie and seueralie in the commissaris buykis of vigtoun for the yeirlie payment of the said annuell rent as is aboue-writtin; And in cais of remoyffing of ony of the saidis tennentis he sall caus the intrantis to be actit as said is toties quoties. [Clause of Registration.] In vitness quhairof bayth the saidis parteis heis subscruyit this present vith thair handis as followis day, yeir, and place forsaidis before thir vitnessis thomas kenedye in kerinbrwne villiam m<sup>c</sup>crystein apperand of monkhyll thomas waus william nisbet seruitouris to the said Sir patrik (sic subscribitur) Syr patk Waus off BARNbarrache kny<sup>t</sup> Willame Houstoun of Cottrouche.

Letter from JAMES MAKARTNAY to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 5th August 1595.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun with service, Pleis your (L) I haue obtenit lettres of dispensatioun, and charge contenit in the samyn, to charg thomas montgomerie, or ony other officer, to put my lettres of poinding and apprysing to executioun Aganis Johnne baillie, and malcolme baillie, for the violent occupatioun of my Landis of arborg of the yeiris of god j<sup>m</sup> 5<sup>c</sup> four scoir threttein and four scoir fourteen yeiris; extending to proffeit of the sawing ilk yeir of thrie scoir ten bollis aittis,

<sup>1</sup> The interest fixed in the preceding clause is ten per cent.

estemit to the thrie corne extending in ane yeir to ten scoir ten bollis aittis, and in twa yeiris xxi scoir bollis aittis; pryce of the boll with the foddre xxx s, the sawing of x bollis of beir in ane yeir to the ferd corne extending to xl bollis, and in twa yeiris to four scoir bollis; pryce of the boll with the fodder iiij markis. The pasturing of fiftye sowmes of all kynd of gudes; pryce of the sowmes wes v s, extending in ane yeir to the sowme of xii lb x s, twa yeir xxv lb; and for expenssis of pley x lb. Quhilkis sowmes being calculat togidder Extendis in the haill to the sowme of fourtein hundreth sevin markis vi s viii d<sup>1</sup>. I think this may pryss the haill Landis of craigilmene. Als I haue obtenit Lettres of poynding and apprysing Aganis the saidis Johnne and Malcolme for apprysing of the saidis landis of craigilmene, And hes gevin to James montgomerie ane memorial to vse the ordour of comprysing; And gif your (l) purpoissis to have the foirsaidis Landis of craigilmene to cum in your awin handis, ye man send sum of your serwandis with the said thomas to knaw him the saidis landis of craigilmene and arborg, and to summond thame personallie, or at thair duelling places, and at the mercat croce of wigtoun. Tha serwandis of youris man be witnessis to him. I desyrit thame to be summond to heir and sie the apprysing led in Ed<sup>r</sup> heir vpoun the fourt day of september nixtocum becaus it wilbe the quyetest tyme to leid the proces heir, and to have it godwilling past throw the seillis or<sup>2</sup> the lordis sit down. And gif your (l) pleissis to send ane or twa of your awin serwandis to cum heir to this toun at the foir-said fourt day of september to heir and sie that day the ordour of the comprysing led, and thay to be fordorers and informeris of ane pairt of the inqueist, quhilk is I think to summond in this toun, I feir thair sall na man cum out of your countrey to keip that day except your (l) send of your awin folkis and freindis to cum heir at that day. I will summond all thame that duellis in this toun that was vpoun your awin inqueist, and certane vtheris, Bot your (l) serwandis man informe thame. Swa I commit the haill mater to your (l) awin help and deligence, to be helpit thairin to your (l) awin proffeit and myne; And

<sup>1</sup> This calculation makes the value of the merk 12s. 2d.

<sup>2</sup> Before.

your (l) anser herein efter my hartlie commendationis to your gud lady, to Johnne your sone, and to the rest of your famelie. Swa committis yow to the keiping of the almichtie god. Off ed<sup>r</sup>, this fyft day of August 1595.—Your (l) awin seruand to be commandit,  
James makcartnay.

To the richt honorable and my maist speciall  
Schir patrik Wass of barnbarroch Knycht.

Letter from JAMES MUIR, Bailie of Mochrum, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 9th December 1595. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter maist hartlye and humbill commendatioun of service, Pleiss your L wit that the tutor of craichlaw obtenit decreit aganis me off spulzeatione of the doun casteing of the hous of the clone, and away tairking of the timer<sup>1</sup> of the said houssis, as he alegis only In my contumassye, be caus I durst nocht comepeir, the Lard off garleis thane being present In the toun of wigtoun, and now he hes gevin me ane charge to mak payment of the said sowmes of mony within xv dayis wndir the pane of poynding; and now, seing he is off mynd to trubill me only vpon his invent of falsat, as your (l) may persais be this copy of the charge, quhilk your (l) will pleis resaiff; Quhairfoir I am to dissyr your (l) to adwyss vpon the samen, and other get the charge suspendit, or ellis to raiss letteris of reduction, that I may get the decreit reducit, the quhilk I vill praye your (l) do vpoun avin expenssis, and that to be done with deligens, that I may be quit of this cumer. and as anenttis your (L) avin particularis, quhilk I haif in hand, I salbe als diligent as I can, bot trewlye, my Lord, thai ar very slaw in peyment making; yit I sall do als gret diligens as I can in the meintyme. I feir the minister hes mellit with the Lxxxx,<sup>2</sup> Lxxxxi, Lxxxxii, Lxxxxiii, and with the maist part of the Lxxxxiiii, and trewlye, my lord, sene he hes done sa, I am of mynd bot to se thir dischargit, and to lat the samen rest in thair handis quhill I get your (l) aduertisment. haifing na farder, bot referis the rest to

<sup>1</sup> Timber.

<sup>2</sup> Meddled or dealt with the teinds of the year 1590, etc.

your L wisdome, and the lord preserue In guid helth. of  
vigtown, the ix of December, 1595 yeirss, be your (l) avin  
seruand, James M<sup>r</sup> (muir) balze of Mochrum.

To the Richt honorabill and his speciall guid Lord Sir patrik  
waus of barnebarroch knycht and ane of the lordis of the kingis  
collegis of Justice.

Order by the KING to attend the Trial of the Lairds of  
Dunipace, Airth, and Others, for the Slaughter of David  
Forrester, 19th December 1595.<sup>1</sup>

Rex.

M<sup>r</sup> Johnne Lyndesay of menmure, and patrik Vauss of barn-  
barrow, senatouris of our college of Justice. It is our will, and  
we command yow, That ye be present as assessouris with our  
Justice the morne, the xx day of December instant, at the day  
of law appointit to the lairdis of donypace, and airth younger,  
and certane vtheris, for the slauchter of vmquhile David For-  
rester. As ye will anser to us thairapoun quhairanent thir  
presentis salbe your warrand. Subscriuit with our hand At  
halyruidhouss, the xix of december 1595.

James R.

Contract to end the Feud between WILLIAM LORD HERRIS  
and JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar, 1595.

Thir ar the heidis mwtuailie aggreit wpon be the richt honor-

<sup>1</sup> On the 24th June 1595, David Forester, a bailie of Stirling, and a special  
servant of the Earl of Mar, was waylaid and killed by John Livingstone, younger  
of Dunipace, and John Bruce, younger of Airth, in revenge for an injury done to  
Bruce by another Forester. Mar assembled his friends, to the number of two  
thousand, including many barons, and the murdered man was buried with great  
pomp on the 12th July. He demanded that the murderers should be brought to  
justice, and their friends assembled in great numbers. After the failure of the  
king's attempts to reconcile the parties, and many delays, a day of law was fixed  
for the 20th December, when Mar was ready to proceed with his accusation; but  
the king then persuaded him to defer it till the third day of the assize, which  
was in effect to desert it.—*Colville's Letters in loco. Hist. James VI.*, p. 247.

abillis wilzem Lord heriss and Sir Johne gordown of lochinwar, knight.

In the first william lord heris promessis that he sall ether causs eduard maxwell of tinwald, his sonis pertie, and pertakeris, to content and pay to the Rycht hono<sup>ble</sup> Sir Jhone gordone of lochinvar the sowme of ane thowsand pund betuix and the day of \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>1</sup> in the yeir of god foir scoir fyvetin, and that for the wrangis done to him and his frendis; and in speciale for the burning of barnehowrie, spulzein of butill, and byrning of bratho, in pairt of satisfaction thairof; and farder as discrette freindis, newtrale chossin for thame baith, sall modefie farther nor the foirsaid sowme. And in caise of the said eduard and his bairnis refusall of this me lordis will and contentment, than, and in that case, the said nowbill lord promesses trewlie that he sall simplisiter discharge him self of all farder frendschip or guidwill with the said eduard and his foirsaidis ay and quhill thir premisses be observit, and sall concur with the laird in thair contrairis, as Law and frendschip requiris.

Secundlie the said Sir Jhone gordone promessis trewlie that he sall causs William maxwell in drumcowtrane offir ane honorabill offir to edward maxwell and his bairnis for the vnhapie slachtir of his vmquhile sone; and in case the said offiris beis nocht fond rasonabill and sufficient be the sycht of freindis newtrale chossin, that than, and in that case of the said williamis refusall of agmentting and fulfillin of farder offiris and satisfaction as frendis thinkis gud, the said Sir Jhone promessis ethir to causs the foirsaidis offir be fowit<sup>2</sup> as freindis appoyntis, or ellis discharge him self of furdar meintynens of him in tyme cuming.

Thridlie the said Sir Jhone gordone promessis that he sall causs robert maxwell of nether redik to stand and abyde to eduard maxwell of tinwald and his bairnis the vnkyndlie takin and possession of landis of bratho, and repair and mend the same as newtrale frendis thinkis gud; and, in case of the said robertis refusall, the saidis Sir Jhone promessis to discharge

<sup>1</sup> Blank in original.

<sup>2</sup> Filled, *i. e.*, made sufficient.



him self of the said robert, and sall heve na thing ado with thame in tyme cumin; Provyding that the said eduard and his bairnis byd the lyk wrang and vnkyndness to the said robert of siklyk as he can chauleing<sup>1</sup> him with.

fourthe all other actionis that ether of thair saidis frendis can burden vther with, outhere be bluid or geir, they sall byd the Jugment of frendis, and quha refussis thay salbe baith in his contrair; and in speciale Jhone rodik blud, and Jhone gordon of ardis land and geir. farther it sall be lesum to ethir of thame and thair frendis to giff in clames as ples, quhilk salbe sufficient.

Fyvfthlie the foirsaid William lord heris, and the said Sir Jhone gordone, sall concur and assit vther in all thair honest caussis aganeins quhame sa ever, quhilk do ethir of thame wrang, the attorratie beand except; and the said Sir Jhone sall concur with him in executing of his office.

Robert Maxwell witness.

herys.

George Heris<sup>2</sup> of tarraucht witness.

lochinwer.

John Maknauht witnes.

Jhone lyndesay wetnes.

James chal<sup>r</sup> of gaitgyrthe<sup>3</sup> vitnes.

David maxwell witness.

[There is no date to this contract, but the money was to be paid in 1595. William, Lord Herries, succeeded to that title in 1594, and both he and Sir John Gordon died in 1604.]

Letter from THOMAS KENNEDY of Bargany to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 11th January 1595-6.

My Lord, efter my hertlie commendatioune, Sen my Last letter writtin to yow I persave this mater of your L and Adam Hogis, tuiching the richt of this Reuersioun of Lybreck, hes bein ressonnit be Mr Jhone Scharpe for your L, And Mr Johne Russell for Adam hog; And quhat ye haue said aganis the

<sup>1</sup> Challenge.

<sup>2</sup> Herris of Terrauchty.

<sup>3</sup> Chalmers of Gaitgyrthe, now Gadgirth.

richtis propoint be Adam hogis procuratour ye wat. I say na mair, bot tyme will try quhat may thocht thair of. Always, gif ye pleis, yit as of befor I am content, and Adam Hog baithe, that thir fyive Lordis of the Sessioun decern vpone the caus betuixt yow; To Wit the President the Justice clerk, the Secriter, Mr James Elphingistoun and Mr Thomas Hamiltowne, gif ye aggrie heirto, Adam Hog and I for my consent hes subscryuit a commissioun to thir Lordis to desyde in this caus. Ainis<sup>1</sup> ye wer content with this, and promise the same, And gif ye lyick nocht to byid at that your promise, I haue nothing to bind yowe thairto bot your word. Keip as ye pleis, gif ye change this purpois, yit we salbe content the mater cum in summerlie befor the haill Lordis but<sup>2</sup> dyet or Table, Provyding that I be adverteist be yowe that this Is the way ye best lyick of. Bot I will desyir yow that ye will continew the samyn quhill the fyifteyn day of februar, quhilk salbe the Langest and Last day that I sall desyir the continewatioune of; bot that the same In this Sessioun may tak end as Law will. And, gif I had nocht bene impedieit with the pane of the Colick that trowbles me, I wes a gaitward<sup>3</sup> to haue keipit the fyifteyn day of this moneth to the effect fairsaid, and sen I am impedieit be this occasioun, and vther great caussis togidder, I traist ye will nocht vss me with that vncurtisie as to refuis my requeist in this mater. And seing this that Ilk I desyir Is nather prejudice to your richt, nor hurt to your profite, I will nocht Luik for your refuis in my sa reasonable requeist. Always I Luik for this mekle, that quhill I haue your anser heirintill, and fyvetein dayis thaireftir, ye will graunt me ane ceasing fra ane farder persuit in this mater. And eftir your anser, quhat sa euir disapointment I haue in vther caussis, I sall cum to sie this mater tak sick effect ather be the sight of thir Lordis that I haue writtin to yowe of, be the haill Lordis, or vtherwayis be freindis, sick as we sall aggrie vpone. I leave thir thingis to yow to considder vpone; waiting vpone your anser, and sa leaving you to godis guid protectioun Writtin frome bargany, and cum to the same fra ardstincheare this Sonday at nicht, the xi of this

<sup>1</sup> Ance, once.<sup>2</sup> Without.<sup>3</sup> *i.e.*, Going to travel.

instant Januar 1595.—Be your guid ffreind on the auld maneir  
Except ye mak the change quhilk I luik nocht for,

Bargany.

To the Richt hono<sup>ll</sup> and my guid ffreind My Lord of Barn-  
barroch This be delyuerit.

Resolution for the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, in the matter of  
Lybreck, 19th February 1595-6.

We have obtenit ane decreit laitlie aganis Adame hog, be the  
quhilk the reuersioun is delyuerit to my Lord, as partie fundin  
to have the best rycht thairto, for oucht that the Lordis hes yit  
sene; And neuertheless Adame hog may be hard to quarrell this  
decreit at ane vther tyme, Becaus this decreit is gavin for  
noncomperance.

To avoid this inconveniens thay ar thir remeidis; ffirst to  
libell ane summond aganis Adam hog, To caus him compeir at  
ane day in the nixt sessione, to allege and propone all his rychtis  
quhairfoir this reversione sould apertene to him, with certifica-  
tione and <sup>1</sup> he failzie he sall nevir be hard heireftir, and that my  
lordis rycht to the said reversione salbe declarit aganis him als  
sufficient as giff the decreit had bene gevin, he comperand.  
The secund remeid To libell ane vther summond at the instance  
of my Lord, his spous, and sone, for productione of Adam hogis  
assignatione To be reducit, becaus the assignatione could nocht be  
maid vnto him, nocht being aire.

And in the same summond to call for productione and  
reductione of the apprysing, The obligatione maid of v<sup>m</sup> libs be  
barnard farguson to barganie, The discharge of the same sowme  
purchest be hog To barnard fra Barganie of the said sowme, The  
obligatione maid be barnard to adam hog for x<sup>m</sup> iii<sup>c</sup> xl merkis,  
or vtherwyis as the apprysing beris, To be retrecit for the caussis  
convenit in vthir memoriall.

The therd remeid is to libell ane summond at the advocatis  
instance, and our awin, for improbatione of the apprysing; And

<sup>1</sup> An, if.

call in this summond for improbatione of the contract betuixt barganie and barnard ferguson, And of the obligat maid be barnard fergusone To adam hog for that said sowme of x<sup>m</sup> iii<sup>c</sup> xl merk, and for productione of the sereffis precept, and the officeris endorsatione, and for production of the register quhairin this comprysing is contenit; And to heir and se the register in that part, with all the vther writtis particularlie abouewritten improvin As forgit, and fenyet, be adam hog, and george angus.

Receipt by ALEXANDER M'KIE of Two Reversions on Balsier,  
28th March 1596.

I alex<sup>r</sup> m'kie of Balseir grantis me be the tenour heirof To have Resaut fra the rycht honoll Ser patrik Vauss of barnbarrach, knycht, ane reversioun, grantit be Robert gordoun, sone to vmquhile the gudman of barskeocht, to me for redemptioun of the landis of Balseir vpoun the sovme of fyve hundered markis; and siclyk ane vther reversioun, grantit to me be vmquhile richart stewart In Crocherie, for redemptioun of the saidis landis for the sovme of ane hunderd markis, as at mair lenth is contenit in the saidis reversiounis: And thairfoir dischargis the said Ser patrik thairoff, and bindis and oblissis me, my airis, ex<sup>ō</sup>ris, and assignais, To fre, releiff, and keip skeythless the said Ser patrik, his airis, and assignais, of the samyn at all handis quhatsumewir be thir presentis, subscriwit with my hand at barnbarrach, the xxviii day of marche, the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir sextene yeris, befoir thir witnessis, vchtrid m<sup>c</sup>dowall of mondork, W<sup>am</sup> m'kie of berquhirne, and Wa<sup>m</sup> nisbet, servitour to the said Ser patrik, with sindrie vtheris,

I allex<sup>r</sup> m'kie in quhythillis with my hand.

William m'kie witnes.

Wa<sup>m</sup> nisbet witnes.

Letter from WILLIAM DUNBAR to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
12th May 1596. [Holograph.]

Eftir my hummell commendatiounis of seruece, Rycht honor-

abill and speciall mestir, your l sall wyt that I am eweill anserit of sindry of your l tennendis, in quhytherne,<sup>1</sup> glenluce, and wygtown, syk as Jhon m<sup>c</sup>comyne, that allegis wther promeciss vpoun your l wtherwayis nor your l schew to me, bot man rest to your l cumming in the cuntre; lykwayis Arthur breid-feit will nocht pay me na beir quill he be relewit of the act to William hwstoun, and thairfoir your l man wryt to him to anser me, for I haif nocht gottin abwne x bollis bere in the barronye of quhetterne<sup>1</sup> to my dispositioun this yeir, and abowt xxx bollis of meill. I will get na profite this yeir, bot cummer and trewell,<sup>2</sup> and greit Inwy,<sup>3</sup> bot I taik na thocht of that, swa I dow with the help of god keip your l dayis of payment, and loiss na thing bot my cummer and pannes, hoiping for ane bettir anewther yeir. the men of Wigtoun will na wayis agre with me, bot bostis<sup>4</sup> to gif our the land gif I altir thame ony way; bot as for that part I sall forness tennendis, and<sup>5</sup> ony of thame gif oure the land, or ellis be tennand my self, and pay your l dewte; and alss thai sall rest to your l hame cumming, and be handilit at your l sycht. heirfor I pray your l maik na promes to make Mcclune wther nor he hes, and he sall be wsit at your l sycht, for he wilbe crewing<sup>6</sup> it: tome m<sup>c</sup>krakene in glengory will nocht anser me, bot allegis he hes bocht his cornnes for tua merk and ane half the boll, quhilk gilbert belye declaris me is ane lesying.<sup>7</sup> I will mend that as lawe will, gif he dois it nocht wtherwayis: I sall wiss<sup>8</sup> your l hoggis as your l commandit, with all wther bessennes your l derekit. farther your l sall wyt that alex<sup>r</sup> m<sup>c</sup>ke is myndit will do all thingis that your l euer requirit of him. I mene to serif your l without exceptioun of ony parsoun, as he speikis at this present, sua your l will get the steding of arborg to him, and alss to keip the heidis of brochtonis wrytting, that is quhat your l geffis for it nor ye will bestow one your brother dochtir and him to sattefe your l thairfoir. sua for the present awayting vpone your l farther derectionis and adwerteisment, I comemit your l to the protektioun of the

<sup>1</sup> Whithorn.<sup>2</sup> Travail, labour.<sup>3</sup> Envy.<sup>4</sup> Threaten.<sup>5</sup> An, if.<sup>6</sup> Craving.<sup>7</sup> Falsehood.<sup>8</sup> Use.



etternall for now and euer. of wygtoun, the xii of maij, be youris  
(l) seruand efter his power at seruece,

William Dunbar.

To the Rycht honorabill and his speciall mestir  
(m) patryk Waiss off barnbarroch.

RECEIPT for HOUSE RENT, 14th July 1596.

I Alex<sup>r</sup> reid, wryttar, burgess in ed<sup>r</sup>, grantis me to have resauit fra the hono<sup>l</sup> Dame katherene kennady, lady of barnbarrach, the sowme of ane hundreth merkis money, and that in compleit payment of the mertimes termes maill last bypast in the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir fyftene yeiris, And witsondayis termes maill last bygane, in this instant yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir saxtene yeiris, of my houss and ludging in the north syd of the meill mercat at ed<sup>r</sup>, occupeit be my Lord barnbarroch; quhairof I hald me weill content and payit, And dischargis the sam; And siclyk of all yeiris and termes sen thair entre thairto to the day and dait of thir presentis, subscriwit with my hand at Edinburth the xiiii day of Julij, the yeir of god j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> fourscoir Sextene yeiris; befor thir witnessis, Michaell Dalyell, Angus Murray, andro Couper, Serwandis to Alex<sup>r</sup> Reid.

A Couper witness.

A Reid.

Thomas Vauss witness.

Thomas Longer witness.

Letter from DAVID MURRAY of Broughton to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 20th July 1596. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my wary hartlye commendatyoune of seruice, geifyng your (l) hartlie thankis for your gentilnesstouartis my sone, quhaye sall recompans your (l) gentilliesse. And<sup>1</sup> my consell be folloit, I dowl notcht bot I will geit decret one<sup>2</sup> Jhone carness at this tyme. I let sandie m<sup>c</sup>kee se your (l) wrytyng, quha marwellis that your (l) termess hyme prout<sup>3</sup>; And that becaise he euer offerit all his haif ado<sup>4</sup> in your (l) will, and yeit Is

<sup>1</sup> An, if.

<sup>2</sup> On.

<sup>3</sup> Proud.

<sup>4</sup> Interest.

nocht fara<sup>1</sup> the sam; he belefis that sowm heis meid report senestarle<sup>2</sup> of hyme to your (l), or wderwyis marwellis quhat suld mowe your (l) to meyne hyme prod.<sup>3</sup> I sen hyme in bodie and spret your (l) awyne, geif your (l) will geit hyme arboroik; <sup>4</sup> and heirfor I think your (l) suld the rader laboir for the sam. geif your (l) can geit Jhone of carsand, my servand, suspendeit, I wald it wair downe. I will remet wder thyngis till metying wyth your (l) self, desyryng to be commendit to my (l) your (l) bed falloue, quha god preserwe. leying to trubill your (l) farther at this Instant, commetis your lo in the proteksyoun of the allmychty. of Brochtoun, be your (l) awin the xx of Julie

David muraye of Brochtoun.

To the ry<sup>t</sup> honorabill and his spesyll eyme the lard of barn-baroch and of our soueranss sesyoun.

Certificate by LOCHINVAR of the Death of JAMES GORDON,  
20th November 1596.

To quhais knowlege this present sall cum, and spaciallie to the serreff of wigtoun, on his deser do yow to wit, That forsamekle as captaine gordoun schaw me that vmquhile James gordoun, brother garman to alex<sup>r</sup> gordoun of clone, is departit at the plesor of god about tuelf yeris syne in flandiris, quhilk I testiffie be thir presentis to be trew, as is befoir rehersit, be thir presentis subscryuit with my hand the tuentie day of november 1596.

Lochinwer.

[Endorsed on the above]

At the mercat cross of wigtoun, the xxvii day of september, 1597 yeiris. W<sup>m</sup> (William) m<sup>c</sup>culloch commisseris officer compeirit, causite compryse be virtew of the commisseris precept actit, compryse ane blak ox, and ane tagie kow<sup>5</sup> pertening to James Gordon in cassinfeyend, at the instance of James martine in carsrigane, be ro<sup>t</sup> Maxwell in vigtoun, Jo<sup>n</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowall thair W<sup>a</sup> m<sup>c</sup>culloch tailzeir thair, and the said w<sup>am</sup> M<sup>c</sup>culloch officer delyuerit the sam gudes to James martine in carsrigane.

<sup>1</sup> Farand, seeming.

<sup>2</sup> Sinisterly.

<sup>3</sup> Proud.

<sup>4</sup> Arbrok, a farm.

<sup>5</sup> A cow with a white tip to its tail; a tag.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
29th November 1596.

Trustie and weilbelovit counsellour We greit you hartlie wele. Understanding that our louit Mr Williame Anguss is lauchtfullie provydit to the half personage of Kirkinner and Kirkcowene, and hes bene in possessioun thair of this sevin yeiris by gane, We have thairfor thocht gude effectuslie to requiest and desyre yow that ye mak thankfull payment to him of the dewtie belonging to the said benefice yeirlie in tyme cumming during his lyf tyme, conforme to his prouisioun and possessioun: And that ye on nawayis acknowledge nor anser ony uthir of the dewtie of that benefice; ffor sa is our express will, as ye will do ws richt thankfull pleser. Sua we commit yow to god. From halyruidhouse, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1596.

James R.

To our trusty and weilbelovit counsallour  
the Lard of Barnbarroch.

Letter from JOHN BAILLIE, in Arbrok, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH, 22d December 1596.

My loird, efter my hartlie commendatioun of service, forsamikle I mervell quhat moveit your (l) to mene to effir my kyndlie rowme, and suld be my heritage, as I hoip in god it will, and<sup>1</sup> your (l) keip conditioun, to alex<sup>r</sup> m<sup>c</sup>kie, quha is owr wnfreind In seeking of it upoun your (l); for that doing, it wald steir ws wp, and owr freindis and kin, to enimetie and discord; for thair wes nocht ane bailye in galloway bot thay wes servandis and freindis to your (l); for I wald nocht that your (l) wald think that we wer kinles men. It wer better to yowr (l) to hawe send yowr howshald men to hawe slane ws, nor mein to gif owr wnfreind owr kyndlie rowme, seing that we hawe bein ay weilwilling to do for owr awin rowme; for we luikit for mair thankfull dealling at yowr (l) handis quhen yowr (l) and we first contractit for the rowme, and, gif we had nocht favorit

<sup>1</sup> An, if.

yowr (l), we mycht had ane wther buyer of that rowme to ws, quhilk I dowt nocht bot yowr (l) will keip contract to ws. And we hawe gottin ane greit loiss of the menyng to furnische silvir to yowr (l) at mertemes evin last,<sup>1</sup> and wald hawe bein in Edy<sup>r</sup> at that sam tyme tua thowsand markis money, wer nocht yowr (l) lettre, quhilk ye writ fra the knmvr<sup>2</sup> bak to stay ws, and to furnische na silvir to yowr (l), and hawe na farther doing with ws, quhilk we mervellit thairat, as we hawe yowr (l) writting to testefie the sam, that the falt is nocht in ws. And yowr (l) sall hawe na loiss in buying of that rowme, for we sall pay the annuell rentis to yowr (l) fra the begynnyng of the blok<sup>3</sup> to the end thairof with ws. yowr (l) hes gottin tua thowsand markis fra the laird of mochrum; we sall pay the annuell rent of that, and all wtheris that efferis, sen ovr begynnyng, and sa we think yowr (l) sall hawe na loiss in buying of it, for yowr (l) has the superioritie of it, quhilk wes nocht in contract, and wtheris thingis besydis, quhilk yowr (l) knawis. The pryor of blantyre, and wtheris freindis, sall sie gif we be in the wrang to yowr (l) and gif we be fand to be in the wrang, we sall mak ane mendis to yowr (l) sycht, and wther freindis, bot at the leist yowr (l) mycht hawe lattin it bein knayin to freindis, quha wald hawe kend for ws that we wer in the wrang, or<sup>4</sup> yowr (l) wald hawe meinit that wnfreindis suld hawe ovr kyndlie rowme; ffor yowr (l) mycht hawe anserit Alex<sup>r</sup> M'kie in bettir forme, and hawe said to him that yowr (l) wald hawe haldin that rowme in yowr (l) awin hand, quhill yowr (l) wald hawe lattin freindis ken that we wer in the wrang. bot he hes spokin in the cuntrie that he suld hawe had that rowme of yowr (l), and aprevend<sup>5</sup> ws, quhilk ovr selfis and ovr freindis mervillis of sick doing. And this we pray yowr (l) to considder all the thingis in yowr (l) mynd, as we dowt nocht bot yowr (l) will do; And farther yowr (l) sall wit the kingis mailles, quhilk als James m'kartnay tuik wp fra ws of the Lxxxviii, ix, x, and ellevin yeiris,<sup>6</sup> James Gaddas hes chargeit ws [for the] sam, and he war payit over agane for releif to ws; for thair is na remedie bot payment,

<sup>1</sup> Martinmas before last.<sup>2</sup> ? Kenmure.<sup>3</sup> Agreement.<sup>4</sup> Before.<sup>5</sup> Prevent.<sup>6</sup> 1588-91.

thairfoir caus him releif ws. Nocht trubling yowr (l) with farther letter, committis yowr (l) to god: and your (l) anser. frome quhitherne, the xxii day of december 1596.—Yowr (l) servand,  
 Jhone bailye in Arbrok.

To the Rycht hono<sup>ll</sup> my lord of  
 barnbarroche delyuer this.

[1596-7. January 6. In the Parliament of this date Sir Patrick sat as "Barnbarrauch" among the commendators "Newbattell," "halirudhous," "lindores," etc., and not among the Barons, of whom fifteen are separately named.]

Letter from Sir A. MELVILL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH,  
 9th March 1596-97. [Holograph.]

My lord, I thought to haif met with yow, bot his ma<sup>te</sup> servic haldis me sa occupiet that I can get na leasure to do my awin turnes. I haif resavit viii<sup>xx</sup> markis and ten, wanting xxx s, whilk I persave is reteaned for the charg of the gold, and a mark I want besydis in the comting. me lord ye knaw what the contract betuix vs specifeis, and what ye ar bound to do; alwayes I persave your (l) is troblit with it, and<sup>1</sup> I dayly constraneis till Importun yow, wherfor if ye think gud, as ye spak to me, I am content to employ sum other way In tym cumming, and not fasche your (l) thairwith, bot reserve yow till a better turne, wherin I requyre your answer; and sua, with my hertly commendationis to yowr (l) and to the Lady, I commit yow to godis protexion. at Dalketh, this ix of marche 1596.—Yours assured to command,

A. Meluill.

To the right honorable the laird of barnbarrow  
 an of the senatoris of the colledge of Justice.

Summons by the KING to attend him on the Borders, to the  
 LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 13th March 1596-97.

Trusty and weilbelouit Counsallour we greit yow hartlie wele. Being to hald fordwart our Jurney, and to repair godwilling in

<sup>1</sup> An, if.



proper persoun toward Drumfreis upoun the 20 day of Marche instant for quyeting of the disordourit estate of our west bordour, according to our proclamatioun direct thairanent, necesser it is that we be accompaneit with sum nowmer of our Counsalle to concur and assist us in that expeditioun; And thairfoir (among utheris) have we thocht guid effectuouslie to desyre you that ye faill not (all excusis set apart) to meit ws at the day and place appointit be our proclamatoun, to gif your best advise and opinioun in sic thingis as may concerne the quyeting of the said disordourit estate of our bordour; As ye will do ws thankfull pleser and service. Sua we committ yow to god. from Halyruidhouse, the 13th of Marche 1596. James R.

To our trusty and weelbelovit Counsallour  
the Laird of Barnbarroch.

Contract between the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH and his Son  
Sir JOHN WAUS of Longcastle, 8th May 1597.

At Barnbarroch the aucht day off maii the yeir of God 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxx sevintene yeiris. It is appoyntit, concordit, contractit, finaly endit, and aggreit, betuix the hono<sup>ll</sup> partiis following, To wit ser patrik wawss of barnebarrach, knycht, on the ane part, and ser Jo<sup>n</sup> wawss of longcastell, knycht, his sone and appeirand air, on the vther part, in maner, forme, and effect, following; That is to saye, fforsamekill as thair wes ane matrimoniall contract past and endit betuix the said ser patrik, takand the burding on him for the said ser Jo<sup>n</sup>, his sone, on the ane part, and the hono<sup>ll</sup> vchtreid m<sup>c</sup>dowell of garthland, takand the burding on him for margarete m<sup>c</sup>dowell, his dochter, now spous to the said ser Jo<sup>n</sup>, on the vther part, In the quhilk contract the said ser patrik appoyntit and providit to his said sone the ten markland off crugilton cavenis, and gaiff the samyn vp to him in rentall for fyiftie bollis victuall coniunctfie to the said margarete during hir lyiftyme, as the said contract at lenth proportis; And now It is appoyntit betuix the said ser patrik and his said son that the said ser patrik is contentit, and be thir presentis bindis, and oblissis, him to enter, and posses presentlie, the said ser Johnne to the occupa-

tioun and labouring of the said ten markland off crugilton cavenis, and sall mak him rycht to the maillis, fermes, and dewties thairroff bygane, that may be recoverit be ane law, the said ser Jo<sup>n</sup> peyand yeirlie to the said ser patrik during his lyiftyme tuentie lbs victuall, to be peyit ather owt of prestorie, or owt of the saidis landis of crugilton cavenis, at the optioun of the said ser patrik : And farther the said ser patrik sall enter, and presentlie posses, the said ser Jo<sup>n</sup> in the fyve markland off barvennane, within the parochine of pennyghame, and serefdome off wigtoun, the said ser Jo<sup>n</sup> peyand to Alex<sup>r</sup> Agnew off Ardoch ane hundreth pundis money vsuale of this realme, confoirme to the decreit arbitrall pronuncit be the hono<sup>l</sup> wa<sup>m</sup> m<sup>c</sup>culloch of myirtoun: And further the said ser Jo<sup>n</sup> sall sustene tua of the bairnis of vmquhill richaird wawss in barvennane: And farther the said ser Jo<sup>n</sup> be thir presentis reseruis to his said father during his lyiftyme the profettis of the kirkis of wigtoun, kirkynner, and kirkcowan, to the quhilk he hes provydit the said ser Johnne, with full pouer to the said ser patrik to call, follow, and persew, transact, compone, and aggrie, poynd, and distrenzie, and to convert and apply the saidis teyndis to his awin use and commoditie. Quhilk possessioun in the landis aboue written, to be giffin be the said ser patrik, the said ser Johnne acceptis be thir presentis in full satisfacioun of the said fyiftie lbs victuall, contenit in the said matrimoniall contract. And heirto ather of the saidis parteis bindis and oblissis thame, thair airis, exoris, and assignayis; And, giff this present contract be nocht guid aneuch, ather of thame bindis and oblissis thame, and thair foirsaidis, to renew the samin to vtheris hincinde vpon xLviii houris warning sa oft as neid beis. And for farther securitie ar content, and consentis, that thir presentis be insert and registrat in the sereff court buikis off wigtoun, or commisseris buikis thairroff, And executorialis of poynding, wairding, and horning, the ane nocht preiugeand the vther, to be directit thairvpoun, vpoun ane simple charge of sex dayis onlie, And to that effect constitutis

thair procuratouris to consent to the registratioun thairroff; Promitten de rato. In witnes quhairroff thay haiff subscriuit

thir presentis day, yeir, and place, foirsaidis, Befoir thir witnessis, wa<sup>m</sup> houstoun off Cottreoch, hew m'dowell off daregle, michael cochrane, sereff clerk off wigtoun, and wa<sup>m</sup> neisbeit, notar, with vtheris.

Syr patrik Waus off Barnbarrache, knycht.

J waus off Longcastell, Knycht.

Michael cochrane, Serreff clerk off wigtoun, witnes.

William houstoun of cottrouche, witnes.

Wam. nisbet, witnes.

[The remaining letters are not dated, and the Editor is not able from internal evidence to fix the time when they were written further than this: that where the address designates Sir Patrick as "one of the Senators of the College of Justice," the date must be after January 1575-76, when he was appointed; and if he is designated "Knight," it must be after 1583, or thereby; and if "Lord of Council," it must be after April 1587.]

Letter from THOMAS M'CULLOCH of Torhouse to the LAIRD  
OF BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendation, I haif ressaut your l writting that ye ar myndit to big vp your dam vpon monin-day nixtis, and that vilzam will stop yow;<sup>1</sup> I belef he will nocht do it without he may be the law: and quhair your l desyris me with my seruandis to gang with yow to the dam bigin, your l man apardon me; I can nocht gang agans the Laird,<sup>2</sup> nor nen of his bryther; and geif your L haif ado with vtheris I will do my dewte to yow. nocht ellis, bot god keip yow.—be youris freind at command, Torhows.

and will gang with yow and do my dewte seffand <sup>3</sup> the gordons To my vere guid lorde my lord barnibarrocht.

<sup>1</sup> Torhouse is situated on the Bladenoch, a little below "the Grange," which then belonged to a Gordon of the Lochinvar family. Barnbarroch is about three miles from the Bladenoch where it bounds Torhouse. It does not appear who "Vilzam" (William) was, but there was evidently a dispute about water, and the Laird of Barnbarroch (Judge though he was) seems to have wished to go in force and build his dam, in spite of opposition. It may be noted, however, that he seems to have been always on good terms with the Laird of Lochinvar.

<sup>2</sup> Probably of Lochinvar, Sir John Gordon.

<sup>3</sup> Saving.

Letter from PATRICK HERON, Minnigaff, to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter commendatioun of seruice, I resauit your (l) writing anentis the xviii lb. gif your (l) be rememberit, the haill ward wes coft <sup>1</sup> for iiij<sup>c</sup> merkis and xx lb., quhilk my peart extendis bot to tua hundrith merkis and x lbs., of the quhilk I deliuerit your (l) att the begynning in wigtoun ij<sup>c</sup> merkis : mair sensyne deliuerit to your (l) self in edy<sup>r</sup> xii merkis, sua your (l) wantis of my part bot xl ss, quhilk sall ay be payit, gifand me ane discharge for my part. Attour quhat vthir thingis your (l) hes to lay to my charge sall be equallit att your (l) meting and myne ; I beleif your (l) will nocht crave my hurt. I haue na farther in writ to your (l) at this present, bot my seruice is your (l), and sua fair your (l) weill in the Lord.—  
Be youris att command of seruice

patrik heroun in monogeff.<sup>2</sup>

To the Rycht honorable M<sup>r</sup> patrik Waus  
of barnbarroch.

[The following letter may refer to the same, or a similar transaction.]

Letter from Sir ROBERT MELVILL to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

My lord, this present is to aduertysse your (l) that of necessite the syluer fore the ward and maryage mone be had this night, quhilk failyeand the morne before twelf hours ; otherwys it will not serue. In respect heyrof ye mone essaye with your credit till borrow it, seyng it had not past without assurance of redye syluer.—Your lordships to command,

Ser Robert Meluill.

[Address cut off.]

<sup>1</sup> Bought. The writer and Mr Patrick Waus seem to have jointly purchased the ward of some minor, a common transaction in those times.

<sup>2</sup> Now Minigaff.

Letter from the LAIRD OF LARG to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, this present Is to adwerteis your (l) that me lady, your bedfallow, caussit to poynd Patrick herroun, as scho com furth throw for the silwer he is in awing to your (L); and becaus thair was sum of your serwandis wpoun the grownd that had offendit to me befor, I was sumthing offendit with it. nochtwithstanding, me Lord, I wryt to me lady, your bedfallow, wpoun the morne to the cenmour,<sup>1</sup> and desyrit hir to gif me the hors to your (L) hamecuming, and I to caus my man patrik herroun to cum befor your (L) to rander now compt with your (L), and to pey your (L), gif he war addettit; and gif he had beine negligent at his last compt with your (L), I beleif your (L) wald nocht tak it wpe without ye knew it assuritlie, it war Inawing. my lady send me hir tikat to be anserit of the hors quhill the paline<sup>2</sup> for to mak payment, and then to mak payment to your (L). my lord, I will ernistlie requyst your (L) to conteneu that mater quhill your (L) hamecuming, and I and he sall cum to your (L), and sall mak yow payment, or ellis your (L) sall knaw that he hes Ignorantlie owerseine him self at his last compt with yow. And, gif it beis found be your (L) and me that it is inawing be Just compt, he sall pey it to your (L) with my disthank to him, and sall nocht requyst semekill for him se lang as I leif. nocht douting bot your (L) will conteneu the sam, as saidis, I will nocht trubill your (L) with forder wryt at this present, with my hartlie commendatioun to my lady your bedfallow, And your anser In wryt with this berer. Nocht ellis at this present, bot committis your (L) to the protextioun of god. of the larg.—Be youris freind  
to be commandit, larg.

To the Rycht honorabill And my speciall eme  
my Lord of barnbarroch.

<sup>1</sup> Kenmure, about twenty miles from Larg, on the way to Edinburgh.

<sup>2</sup> Peal, i.e., to equal, to match; "paline" may mean the comparing of accounts.



Letter from PATRICK AGNEW, Sheriff of Wigtown, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Me lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun, I resawit your (l) wrytting fra ane boy of kinheltis,<sup>1</sup> tuichand my awin bissines that your (l) is catioun for me. Your (l) sall wit that on my treuth and honestie the tutour hes tane that silwer of the tenentis; and as for the rest that the tresourar sould haif, I haif wryttin yit as befoir for the sam to master alex<sup>r</sup> knowis to maik sum raleif to me in that. Me lord, sa laing as I haif land or geir, your (lo) salbe raleifit as honestie wald godwilling, and geif I can get na raleif, bot to mak payment, your (lo) man help me at the tresourar hand, for I haif na vther quantancie<sup>2</sup> bot your (lo) to charg; albeit I haif nocht done my dewtie to your (lo), your (lo) salbe na losar for me godwilling. farther quhair your lo wryt to me to be in ed<sup>r</sup> the aucht of agust to my chakar compt, I sall asuire your lordschip I haif nocht gottin my pre-sept of chakar as tuirsday the penult of this instant; and as to my compt this yeir, I haif na thing ado bot the supiroritie of the lady corswall<sup>3</sup> of the tua mark land of knokiname,<sup>4</sup> and the quarter of the mill of the galdenoeche,<sup>5</sup> quhilk my lord argayllis geift<sup>6</sup> will tak away, that he gat quhen the lard of corswall died; for scho entret air to hir father<sup>7</sup> quhen he died, Sua I will nocht be cummerit this yeir. I pray your (lo) haif me excusit, for I haif nocht done my dewtie to your (lo); your lo salbe satisfiet at your cuming to this cuntrie in all thingis to your (lo) awin contentment, for I haif no vther to scharg bot your (lo), quhen ye haif to do, lyk as I salbe redy to your (lo) at power on the auld maner. And Sua committis your (lo) to

<sup>1</sup> Adair of Kinhilt.

<sup>2</sup> ? Acquaintance.

<sup>3</sup> Finlay Campbell of Corswall, chamberlain of Galloway, died in 1565, leaving two grand-daughters co-heiresses. The elder, Jane, was served heir to her grandfather, and must be the person here meant.

<sup>4</sup> A farm in Portpatrick parish.

<sup>5</sup> A farm in Stoneykirk parish.

<sup>6</sup> The gift was that of her ward and marriage. Sir Hew Kennedy "oblist" him to present Jane Campbell, one of the heirs of Corswall, to the Council, the Earl of Argyle, donatour to her ward and marriage, consenting thereto.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, January 1564-65.

<sup>7</sup> John Campbell of Lundy (*Ibid.*, vol. i., p. 326).

god. at lochnaw, the penult of July, Be your (l) at power on  
the auld maner, Patrik Agnew.<sup>1</sup>

To my the honorabill and my maist speciall  
my lord of barnbarroche.

Letter by JOHN M'DOWALL of Freuch to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH. [Holograph.]

Efter my meist hartlie commendaission vnto your (l), to wit  
that eftir as I haid geifin thom m'Leilland thrie schairgis,<sup>2</sup> or  
he gait the fovirt, he hes be ane failss<sup>3</sup> narrithon<sup>4</sup> pvircheist  
suispenssion, and I sovmmomit to the (x) day of this moneith<sup>5</sup>  
to heir them sympleissiter svispendit; as alisva<sup>6</sup> the laird of  
geilistovin<sup>7</sup> hes sovmmvinit me for ix scoir libs, quhilk I vais  
contrakit to paiy to this geilistovnis fader; and it is trev<sup>8</sup> the  
lady geilistovin and (m) robert maixisvall,<sup>9</sup> and in this laird of  
geilistovnis nem<sup>10</sup> be tham, perssevit<sup>11</sup> me befor the scheiref till  
I paiyit tham, and hes send ane dischairgis of the lady geilis-  
tovnis and hir hisbandis, and svbiscrvit be this sam laird of  
geilistovnis avin<sup>12</sup> hand, with the advyis of his covirratviris,<sup>13</sup> as  
thay that hes svbiscrvit the sam togidor heir for I vill beissik<sup>14</sup>  
yovr (l) to lait<sup>15</sup> the sam be knawin to the heill lairdis of the  
natvir<sup>16</sup> of this man, that cvmis in the contrar of his avin hand  
vryt, vith quhat foirder your (l) may do me thoichand<sup>17</sup> the  
reissoinnein<sup>18</sup> of thom m'cleillandis svipenisssion; and in the  
foirder your (l) may do me in callein of my sovmmondis of the  
violeint proiffeittis, I vill dissyir your (l) to exispeid<sup>19</sup> me vith  
Jvistis.<sup>20</sup> alisva yovr (l) sall vit that the aicission<sup>21</sup> betvix the

<sup>1</sup> Sir Patrick Agnew of Lochnaw succeeded his father as Sheriff of Wigtown in 1547, and died in 1590. Sir Thomas Kennedy was tutor of Cassillis from about 1577 till about 1590. This letter was therefore written between those dates, but it contains nothing to show in what year.

<sup>2</sup> Charges.

<sup>3</sup> False.

<sup>4</sup> Narration.

<sup>5</sup> Month.

<sup>6</sup> Also.

<sup>7</sup> Gelston.

<sup>8</sup> True.

<sup>9</sup> Maxwell.

<sup>10</sup> Name.

<sup>11</sup> Pursued.

<sup>12</sup> Own.

<sup>13</sup> Curators.

<sup>14</sup> Beseech.

<sup>15</sup> Let.

<sup>16</sup> Nature.

<sup>17</sup> Touching.

<sup>18</sup> Reasoning.

<sup>19</sup> Expede.

<sup>20</sup> Justice.

<sup>21</sup> Action.

laird of lovikhinvar<sup>1</sup> and gairthland<sup>2</sup> is nevayis lyik to agrei, bot radar lyik to be var, radar nor beithir; and for eischevin<sup>3</sup> of vnconvenientis that may fall ovt, I vald haif your (l) to taik that panis as to advertis me geif I may maik my sovin<sup>4</sup> as-singnay<sup>5</sup> to the aicission<sup>6</sup> and sovmmovndis of the violenis, that I haif hairbert<sup>7</sup> m'clelland caission<sup>8</sup> for thom m'clelland, or be quhait foirm sall I pvit my sovin in that pleis<sup>9</sup> that I am in, that I may be svir for ony deid of myin the reittis<sup>10</sup> of that aikission<sup>6</sup> may reman vith the boiy. as alisva, and (an) yovr (l) be remembirrit, I vais sikand your (l) covinisall<sup>11</sup> in maikin of ane new reissingnaission,<sup>12</sup> and I schev yovr (l) that, geif ye wald be se gvid as to geif me patreik m'elvinchfais<sup>13</sup> vi hvnder markis, I wald gang afeild my seilf to the doin of the sam. and nov, seing I am in dovt quhait vnconvenient may fail<sup>14</sup> be aicissident,<sup>15</sup> geif your (l) may haif vi hvnder markis of your caissionaris thair, or be ony vther myand of yovr avin, and send me vith svm of your avin with this berrar, I svild be at yow vith deligenis. and as to the (xl) libs that yovr (l) vais seeikand, I vald refar the sam to your seilf, geif ye meicht heilp me at this preissent, and I svld cavis<sup>16</sup> yovr land be renvinsit.<sup>17</sup> this lvikin for yovr (l) fvirder heirin, as I sall be rady to be aplyit be yov at my pover to the vtirmeist, and sua, leifn to trvbill yovr (l) vith laingar lettir, bot svbmeittis your (l) and your beidfallov vnder the proteicission of the almeichthie god; and geif your (l) vald command me vith quhait may ly in my pover the sam salbe dovin<sup>18</sup> in this covintra,<sup>19</sup> from the frevich,<sup>20</sup> the vii of this instant, be yovris at my vtir pover to command,

Jhon m'Dovell of frevich.

To ane richt honorabill and my assvirrit frend my loird of barinbarrovik this delvir.

<sup>1</sup> Lochinvar.

<sup>4</sup> Son.

<sup>7</sup> Herbert.

<sup>10</sup> Rights or writs.

<sup>13</sup> M'Clumpha.

<sup>16</sup> Cause.

<sup>19</sup> Country.

<sup>2</sup> Garthland.

<sup>5</sup> Assinee.

<sup>8</sup> Caution.

<sup>11</sup> Counsel.

<sup>14</sup> Fall.

<sup>17</sup> Renounced.

<sup>20</sup> Freuch.

<sup>3</sup> Eschewing.

<sup>6</sup> Action.

<sup>9</sup> Place.

<sup>12</sup> Resignation.

<sup>15</sup> Accident.

<sup>18</sup> Done.

Letter from DAVID MURRAY of Broughton to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter my mest hartlie commendation, It will pleis your (l) I haif spokin with the Lord of blarquhan, And, to be schort, ye subscryfand this letir, the Lard sall geif you ane wdir of his that ye, trawilland acordyng to your former letir, he sall neuer sek<sup>1</sup> you wyth your oblegatyon in the lowe,<sup>2</sup> Wderwyis, my (l), I mane descharge kyndis to be betyux you. And, me Lord, I praye you conseder that he is nocht angrie wyth causs, for he desyris na thing bot that he hais your (l) to do. me Lord, I praye you cum, and lat all thingis be downe that ye haif promesit in your wdir letir, for ony plesor I may do you, And your (l) sall knaw wysdom and aprofet in the sam, as heireftir I sall declair. Writin in haist at quhetherne, be youris at pouer,  
David murraye of Brochtoun.

To the hono<sup>ll</sup> and speciall Eyme the lard of barnbarach lord of our suerane sessioun this be given.

Letter from ROBERT ——— to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Me Lord, efter my veray hertlie commendation, your (L) pleiss vit that I am summonit be Patrik grant to the xx of may, and for the present am vnable to trauell, and seikle; quhairfoir vill requeast your (L), for the auld familiaritie and kyndness that hes betuix your (L) and me, quhilk as yit sall nocht decay in my syd, to stand my guid freind in sic Turnis as the berar will Informe your (L), as I salbe redie To plesor yow in all thingis that I may do. gif seikness be nocht ane Impediment, I purposs to viste (visit) your (L) schortlie; To the quhilk tyme I refer the rest, nocht omittand credeit to the berrar. And sua I commit your (L) in the protection of the almiehtie. of finrasie the xii day of may.—Your (L) awin To be commandit in the Auld maner,  
Robirt ———.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Seek.

<sup>2</sup> Blaze, fire.

<sup>3</sup> The signature to this letter may possibly be leslye. It is quite distinct, but illegible.

Gif thair be ony Thing in this cuntray that may plesor your (L), as your (L) pleis to Imploy, it salbe obeyt.

To the Rycht honorable the Laird of barnebarrow ane Lord of the colledge of Justice.

Letter signed "YOWNG DALBETTIE" to the LAIRD OF  
BARNBARROCH. [Holograph.]

My lord, eftir my hartly commendasseon, pleis your (l) wit I hayf resawit yowritting, and parssawis be the same that yowr (l) walld geyf ane thwsand pundis for my fwyf mark landis aboue cre,<sup>1</sup> to pey my lord Justeis clark<sup>2</sup> wyth; and alls yowr (l) wreittis that, geyf I will bryng iij<sup>c</sup> markis wyth me, ye will sattesfie my lord Justeis clark for the raist: for ansayer<sup>3</sup> of the quhilk, your (l) remembeiris I wreit to yow In my laist wretting qwat my land peyis pressantlie, quhilk I aswme will wyrthe twa thwsand mark. tharfor, my (l), as to me, I will newir geyf ane grott dwne of it to na man, that I swlld geyf to my lord Justeis clark; and geyf I war to sell it batter chap<sup>4</sup> to oney man, your (l) may be asswrit it swlld be to yow, and your (l) sall be asswrit, geyf ye tak it nocht, it sall nocht be sawll<sup>5</sup> To na vtheir; for I am warnit be the lard of callie to rasseyfe sax hundreyth mark, quhilk I heyf apone his land, and I heyf sum thing of my awin, swa that I sall notheir sell nor wodsseit<sup>6</sup> for the furst termmis peyment, and I sall pay my lord the nixt terme according to the contrak, god willing. allwayis, my lord, geyf it ples your (l), according to my furst wretting To yow, to sattesfie my lord Justeis clark, swa that he sall be contenteit, and geyf me ane descharg of the sum that I am bwnd to geyf him, thane and in that cass I am contenteit, yeit as of beffor, to sall your (l) my v mark land apone that sam prais,<sup>7</sup> that I swlld geyf my lord Justeis clark, or geyf your (l) can sattesfie him batteir chap,<sup>4</sup> I am will contentt tharwyth, and qwat eweir ye

<sup>1</sup> The river Cree.

<sup>2</sup> Probably Sir Lewis Bellenden, who died 28th August 1591.

<sup>3</sup> Answer.

<sup>4</sup> Better cheap.

<sup>5</sup> Sold.

<sup>6</sup> Mortgage.

<sup>7</sup> Price.



cane heyf dwne at his hand, ye sall heyf my land apone that sam prais<sup>1</sup> that your (l) geyfis to him. and as anent your (l) secwrtie, your (l) wettis that my wyf man consent to the allenasseon,<sup>2</sup> quhilk is trew, becauws the land is heiris, and schw is contentt wyth the sam; bott your (l) knawis I can nocht will pryng<sup>3</sup> her forthe for that caws, bott geyf it ples your to adwertis me that ye will tak it apone the pras,<sup>1</sup> and in maneir, ass I wretting, I sall cum to your (l) my self, and sall contrak wyth yow, and tak the bwrding apone me for my wywf, and qwat I bend me or heir To dw, your (l) sall heyf sacurttie In my v mark land of barharow to fwlffell the sam, quhilk landis I will nocht geyf for v thwssand mark. tharfor geyf it ples your (l) to tak it as I heyf wrettin, ye will adwertis me to cum to yow wyth the furst that cumis betuix, and geyf your (l) will nocht heyf it as I heyf wrettin, your (l) sall nocht trwbill yow farther therin, bot lat the matter rast. I remeitt all vther thingis to your (l) weisdome, and god prassarf your (l) eweir.—be yowris freind to command at poweir, Yowng dalbettie.

To the rycht honorabill, And my gret freind, the lard of barnbarowch and eind (ane) of the kingis grassis senatwris.

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR of Kinhilt, Younger, to the  
LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord and maist speciall Eme, after my hertlie commendatioun, I haue ressaut your (L) vryting, And according to the effect of the samyn I thocht to haue bene down at your (L) to haue tane ordour in the affairis and bessenes betuix your (L) and me. And it hes plesit god to vesit me with seiknes, that I haue nocht bene able euer to ryse out of my bed sen thuirisday ves aucht dayis, My diseis is ane extreme grauell, and this thuirisday lest ves hes dissoluit ane stane of the lenth and quantetie of ane bene, and sen syne is sumthing better, praisit be god. And gif it plesis god to permit my helth ony vayis that I mycht trauell to confer vith your (L), ye ar the maist speciall he that I vald confer vith. And giff I may trauell as

<sup>1</sup> Price.

<sup>2</sup> Alienation.

<sup>3</sup> Prig, to haggle, to bargain.

said is, I mene to be at your (L) in Quhithorne this vedinsday at euin nyxt is. Quhairfoir I vald know your (L) dyat, gif ye will be thair ; And gif ye mak away schortlyer, and commis the Carrick vay, and that I be nocht able to trauell to meit your (L), that your (L) vald tak the painis to cum vp to me to my awin hous in drummoir, quhair I vald confer vith your (L) that thing that I vill not vryt, nor send messinger of, vithout your awin (L) presence. Praying yow to excuiss this my hamely desyre for laik of helth causeth me to desyre the samen, I vill nocht trubill your (L) vith longer letter ; bot haue my hartlie commendationis to my aunt, your (L) bedfellow, your sonnes, and all the rest of your barneis, and your (L) anser in wryt. and god preserue yow in guid helth. from drummoir, the penult of decem-ber.—Be your (L) eme at vter power,                      kennelt younger.

Gif ye cum the Carryck vay, I sall meit your (L) in James Boydis, quhair your (L) man remain all nycht, vpoun tysday at euin, gif god leicenss<sup>1</sup> my helth. othervay I sall gar meit your (L), that ye may cum vp the sandis the nerest, gif your laser<sup>2</sup> may serue, as said is.

[The other half sheet with the address is torn off.]

#### Part of a Letter to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

I haue ressaut your (l) letter, dessering me nocht to mak balkis in your beir land, bot to visite yow at your house amangis vtheris my freindis, quhilk I wald be vary hartlie glaid to do ; nather is thair any in this cuntrey to quhome I wald cum mair hamelie, nor of quhais goodwill I rest mair assoured. gif I remane in this cuntrey, I sall obey your deser, and signifie to yow the tyme ; bot presentlie your (l) mon hald me excusit, for I am directing bak my wyfe, quha is cumit in haist, and may nocht mak lang residence heir ; vtherwayis we sould baith haue visite yow, and your (l) bedfallow, gif occasioun serue, I think to vse yow, as I war ane heland man taking my cowdeich, or ane vndiscreit menstrall nocht content with meit and commone

<sup>1</sup> License, for allow.

<sup>2</sup> Leisure.

wages, for I wald nocht spair yow, althocht the pyper war besyde that bad had the wod laird.<sup>1</sup> forther to meiting or nixt occasioun, committing your (l) to godis holy protectioun; Efter my hartiest commendationis to your self, and my guid Lady, quhome and your bairnis my wyfe is sory scho hes nocht had occasioun to visite; quhais fault in that I hoip . . . . .

[Signature cut off.]

[The rest of this letter is cut off.]

To the richt honorable Ser patrick Vauss of barnbarroch, nycht, ane of the Senatouris of the college of Justice.

Letter from ARCHIBALD MUIR to the LAIRD of  
BARNBARROCH.

My dewtie Remembirrit, with maist dew and hartly commendation vnto your (l), your (l) sall ondyrstand that I spak with my sister tuiching the rest of your (l) mailis of dirblair, Quhayis ansuer ves (as is trew indeid) that scho had geffan ane compt of all that scho had intromittit with belangand to hir husband, And alsua of hir debursing sen his deceiss, quhairof the laird of craiganis<sup>2</sup> resavit ane copie; And, being advoyisit thayrvith, sayis that thair will nathing be allowit of hir debursing, bot sa far as decretis is past agane the exequutrice;<sup>3</sup> And thinkis it nocht fryndly that all mennis dettis ar payit, And he put to the horn be the lady drwghteg<sup>4</sup> for the vmquhile lardis debtis, and naything payit to him but calling. And, for the causis fairsaid, my sister thinkis werray hard to pay ony ferder to ony man, althocht scho had the samin, as trewlie scho has nocht at this present, to satisfie your (l); And calling to remembirrance your (l) compt of the byrwn<sup>5</sup> males of dirblair, in my appeirance the mater stand in the poynt as eftir followis, at your (l) aggreance and the lardis; to wit the landis of dirblair ver wadset<sup>6</sup> to your (l) vpone the sovme of ellevin scoir merk and ten, And the landis of balter<sup>7</sup> vpone the sowme of twa hundredth merkis to the lard of mochrum, And that thair ves bot

<sup>1</sup> Although the piper were beside me who bade to hold (haud) the mad laird.

<sup>2</sup> Craigends.

<sup>3</sup> Executrix.

<sup>4</sup> Drouchtage.

<sup>5</sup> Byrun.

<sup>6</sup> Were mortgaged.

<sup>7</sup> Now Balteir.

tuentie merkis of the byrun males of dirblair at vitsonday eftir your agrement, And fiftie byrwn of m<sup>1</sup> niniane moyrheid for balteir, quhilk maid beyth your (l) sovme and the lardis equale; quhilk being considderit maid your (l) and the Lard to be contentit with wthyr in eschange, quhairof I will desyr your (l) to remembir: nocht for vishing that your (l) sall haf hinder heirin, bot that the sall nocht seik bot the rycht; or giff dischargis beis nocht, your (l) may craiff, and be payit, quhat your (l) pleissis sen the redemptioun of dirblar. Bot referring to your (l) honour and conscience, I commit all the rest to your (l) visdome, And your (l) self to god. of areiolland, this last sunday, be your (l) man redy as your (l) will charge,

Archibald moyr<sup>2</sup> in areiolland.

To the rycht honorable, and his maister, my lord of our souerane lordis counsell,<sup>3</sup> and Lard of barnbarroch.

Letter by THREE TENANTS of the Lands of Lybreck to their  
Landlord, probably Sir PATRICK WAUS.

Me lord, efter maist hartly commendatioune of seruice, It will plais your (l) to vit that the sereff is persevand vs for forty pundis of nonentrie of the landis of lybrek, and hes fencit our stakis,<sup>4</sup> and Intendis to puynd our cornis vpon the kingis pryce, to vit xx s the boll of beir, and ane merk the boll of aittis. praying your (l) to mak vs releif according to your promeis, for ye maid me to vnderstand that ve sulld never beine craifit for the samyn; desyring your (l) to aduerteis vs quhat ye will do thairintill for our releif, for we haue nane vther defence, bot lukis for your releif and support in this caus, and desyris your anser In virt<sup>5</sup> with this bairar. nocht trubling your (l) with

<sup>1</sup> Indistinct.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum, who died in 1583, married, about 1549, Elizabeth, daughter of Mungo Mure of Rowallan. This Archibald Mure, who dates from Airrieolland, a farm in Mochrum, was her brother.

<sup>3</sup> He was appointed in 1587.

<sup>4</sup> Sequestered our stock.

<sup>5</sup> Vrit, writing.

farder vreit, bot committis yow to god. of vigtoun the xxvi day of merche.—Be youris efter pover and service,

W<sup>am</sup> m'kie In lybrek.

Johne m'Dovvell, and ale<sup>x</sup> m'culloch.

[No address.]

Letter signed "GLENLUS" to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Plesit your (L), Mr Roger gordonne for sowmes of money addettit me, partlye for his mailie<sup>1</sup> of the mile<sup>2</sup> of Penyghame, as wtheruayis vpon the necessitie of his particularis, disponit to me sum byrone<sup>3</sup> wictuallis, extending to nynscoir bollis and xii restand of your (L) mil<sup>2</sup> forsaide, quhilkis with good vill your (L) sall haiff dischargit in cace I may knaw of present payment; wtheruayis your (L) mey considder vpon the nixt remeid thairanent. necessitie man mak diligent. So committis your (l) to god. from the grange the xvi of october.—Your L assured at his wter powir,

Glenlus.<sup>4</sup>

To My werye good lord

My lord of barbarroche.

Will of the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1st May 1595 and  
25th September 1597.

In the name god sobeit.

The testament testamentar, and lattyr vyll, of Ser patrick Waus of barnbarrache knyght maid, vreityn, and subscryvit, be the said Ser patrik avyn hand vreit at Barnbarrache, the fyrst day of Maij, in the yeir of god 1<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> Lxxx fyveteinne yeris. Barnbarrache. and of new ratefeytt and apprevit at the plaice of Barnbarrache the xxv day of Septembar 1597 yeris. Item, I nominatt and ordanis my executoris, Dame katerin kennedy, my spous, and Johne waus my eldest sone, and aperaraine ayr; And ordanis my said sone to vyiss<sup>5</sup> the advyce and consell of his

<sup>1</sup> Mail, rent.

<sup>2</sup> Mill.

<sup>3</sup> Bygone rent to be paid in kind.

<sup>4</sup> It is not known who was entitled to use this signature, unless it was the Abbot (or commendator) of Glenluce.

<sup>5</sup> Use.



moodyr and thomas Kennedy of culzeyne, in all his causis and besenes quhattsumeuer he sall happin to haife to [In speciall In his marege endyn with quhatsumeuer he sall happyn to contract and mare with],<sup>1</sup> and als that he sall vyss the speciall advyce and consell of Mr Johne scharpe of hovistoun, advocatt, vyth thair advyces, as saidis. And ordanis my veife to geife vp, and mak Inuentor of my haill guiddis and geyr, conforme to my beltane buikis, and Inuentor of my dettys In achteyne me, as schoo sall think expedient; and In speciall dettis In acheyne by the layrdes of mochrum, mvndork, for the guidman of the garrarie, and his sone.

The dettis that I am In achteyne to utheriss, as I presentlie ramembyr. Item. to Mr James gray ane thovsane pundis; Item george bissett in abyrdene ane thovsane merkis, for the quhilk thomas vauis of pettyrcraig, and valtyr maver ar cationaris for me; Item. to george dovglas youngar of langnederie, quhoo sone<sup>2</sup> george dovglas, his fadyr broodyr, deseysis, the somme of fovyrr thovsane merkis, conforme to our contract registrett In the bvikis of consell. Item In achteyne to Mr Johne scharpe, aduocatt, ij<sup>c</sup> merkis as for the rest of his annuall rentt, quhilkis I achte hym. Item In achtene to James dagless, to Johne dov gall, merchandis in Edy<sup>r</sup>; I refer the samyn to thayr compt bvikis, and to my vefes memorie. [Item in achteyne to the layrde of sornbeg as for the rest of his tochyrr 1000 mks.]<sup>3</sup> Item in achteyne to villame hoviston of cotreoch, as for thes thochyrr,<sup>4</sup> promesit with my dochtyrr katereyne kennedy to his sone villame hoviston, his apperane ayr, conforme the contract of marreage, ane thovsane pund.

I leife my saule to the eternale, almychte, and omnipotent god, and my bodye to be bureit in my Iyle att vigtoun.

#### LEGASEIS.

Item I ordane, levis, and als oblesis me, my ayris, ex<sup>ris</sup>, and Intromettoris with my luvyn,<sup>5</sup> heretage, guiddis, and geyr, quhattsumeuer, to every ane of my dochtyrris vnprovyditt, quhilkis presentlie fovyrr, to every ane of thame, quho, said every ane of

<sup>1</sup> This sentence is scored out in the original.

<sup>2</sup> How soon.

<sup>3</sup> Written in original and scored out.

<sup>4</sup> Tocher.

<sup>5</sup> Levyn, living.

thame, beis sexteyne yeris of age, to euery ane of thame ane thovsane pundis, and quhyle every ane of thame be of that age to pay to euery ane of thame ane hundyrrethe merkis to by thayr cleis, and vther necessaris. Item I leife, and alss obleiss, me, and my eldest sone succedand to my heretage, in the stratest forme and styill of obligatione can be devysitt, to thankfullie content, and pay [to<sup>1</sup> robert vaus, my yovngest sonne, the soume of fyve thousand merkis mony, or fyve hundyrrethe merkis mony be yeir, ay and quhill he be provyditt in alss mykill of heritage, as salbe vorthe to hym fyve hundyrrethe merkis be yeir;]. And In kaice I provyd hym in alss mykill in my avyine tyme, and befoyr my deseiss, In that kaice I discharge this my legasee, and band of obligatione, as Is befoyr mentionatt [and alss mykill to Alex<sup>r</sup> Vaus, my youngast sone, and in the samin maner of band and obligatione, to vitt foyr thousand merkis mony, BArnbarache<sup>2</sup>], provydand that my said sones and dochttyrris foyrsaidis creife, nor clame, na rycht nor tytill till ony barnis part of geyr, nor ony my mvfabillis quhattsumever ony maner of vay, bot that the samin stand full to my vefe, and sone eldest.

Item I ordane the haill guddis, and geyr, plenesyne, Inseycht,<sup>3</sup> quhatsumeuer, Is upon the landis of Cascrev, and In the plaice thairof, and the scheip<sup>4</sup> upon glenhovill, or upon the haill landis I haif In glenluc, sall ramane vyth my vefe, vntrvbillit or molestit ony maner of vay be my sone, or for ony dettis, bot that schoo sall brvik<sup>5</sup> the samyn for all the days of hyr lyfetyne, provydane schoo fyind catione that the samin salbe furthecumane eftyr hyr deceyss to my sone, or his ayris maill. Item I ordane my saidis dochttyrris to mare,<sup>6</sup> and nocht to joyne thame selfis to ony persoine bot be the speciall advyce and consent of my vefe, my sone Johne, and of the layrde of culzeyne; and geife thay failye, or do vtherwayss In the contrar, in that kaice I discharge this my legase, and obligatione, maid to thame; and In kaice ony

<sup>1</sup> The words within brackets are scored out in the original. Perhaps Robert died or was provided for between 1595 and 1597.

<sup>2</sup> This sentence is added in the margin.

<sup>4</sup> Sheep.

<sup>5</sup> Enjoy.

<sup>3</sup> Furniture, etc.

<sup>6</sup> Marry.

of my saidis dochtir deceyss befoyr thay be mareit, in that kaice that part sall nocht access to ony vthir of their systyrris as saidis.

Item I leife to elleyne vaus, my broodyrr dochteyr, yeirlie to by hyr cleyss<sup>1</sup> vyth, and to na vthir vyss<sup>2</sup> bot to by cleyss, the soume of fovyrt merkis mony yeirle. Item I ordane my sone to vyiss<sup>2</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Vaus kyndlie In his rovme of tybyrquharran for the payment as It presentlie pays, and als to pate Vaus for his lyfytyme In Kyldarrache. Item I leife to thomas vaus my servand xx libs, and to his brodyr alex<sup>r</sup> vaus j<sup>c</sup> libs, and to blais vaus xx libs. Item I leif to euery ane of my ald servandis xx merkis, and to Villame neysbeyth xx merkis, gef he ramanis vyth me.

Item I ordane to my vefe in full contentatione and satisfactione of hyr haill terss and coniuncle<sup>3</sup> the haill landis I haife presentlie hafe in glenluce, to vit the cascrev, glenhovill, barsangane, dyrrevardis, neddyr senneness, Dyrskelben, and Dyrneyn, and the haill landis I haue of the barronie of Mochrum loche, vyth the haill plenesyne thairvpon, for hyr lyfytyme provydane that schoo leife eftyr hyr deceis the samyn pleneseit as thay ar, and as schoo sall ressaieue vpon the saidis landis at hyr entrie thairto, and becaus schoo gettis alмест the hayll stoyr<sup>4</sup> landis, I ordane that shoo sall geif and delyuer yeirlie to my sone tweill twa yeir ald novitt,<sup>5</sup> and fovyrt hoigis, to help hym to his hoviss, in respect he vantis stoyr at this present.

In vitnes heyrof I haif vreittyn and subscrivit this my lattyr vill and testament, day, yeir, and plaice foyrsaidis, befoyr thir vitnes.

Syr patrik waus off BArnarrache  
knycht vyth my hand.

Item I ordane my vefe that quhoo sone our sone patrik waus beis of the age of sevyn teyn yeris compleit, and enteris in achteyn yeris, that thane he sall haife full Ingres and possession of the x merkland of lybrek, and schoo to discharge hyr rycht thairof to hym, and that he be bund to viss hyr consell at all tymes.

BArnarrache.

<sup>1</sup> Clothes.

<sup>2</sup> Use.

<sup>3</sup> Terce and conjunct fee.

<sup>4</sup> Store.

<sup>5</sup> Nowt, cattle.

## APPENDIX.

*List of Documents relating to Sir PATRICK WAUS and his affairs,  
now at Barnbarroch.*

1. 15th August 1545.—Collation and Advocation by George, Provost of Lincluden (*prepositus ecclesie beate Marie virginis de Lincluden*) to Patrick Wauss, son to John Wauss of Barnbarroch, to be rector and parson of Wigtown.
2. 25th August 1546.—Discharge by Dean Alexander Knollis, vicar of Mochrum, to John Waus, Parson of Wigtown, of 30<sup>s</sup> for the "theynd voll and styrkis of Casmilzow and Glenlyng" for 1546. Patrick Waus is a witness.
3. 1550.—Licence by the Earl of Angus to Mr Walter Kennedy "persoun of Dowglas," to resign that parsonage in favour of Mr Patrick Wauss "persoun of Wigtoun."
4. 9th September 1551.—Receipt by Alex<sup>r</sup> Bonar for 50 crowns, part of three score crowns due to David Bonar by Mr Patrick Wauss, persoun of Wigtoun.
5. 22d June 1554.—Tack by Patrick Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtoun, to Mr Patrick Waus persoun of Wigtoun, of the five merk land of Culquhirk for £10 (Scots) yearly rent. Witnesses—Nichol Murray, Sir Michael Harthorn, Alex<sup>r</sup> Adair Provost of Whithorn, Alex<sup>r</sup> Lynsay.
6. June 1559.—Obligation by Mr Thomas Hay, parson of Spyne, to Mr Patrick Waus, parson of Wigtown, his cousin, for £40 (Scots) which he had paid for Archibald Kennedy in Sonaness (Sinniness). Witnesses—Arch<sup>d</sup> Kennedy, William Kennedy, Alex<sup>r</sup> Vaus, Robert Veitte.
7. June 1559.—Obligation by Archibald Kennedy, in Sonanes, to his cousin Mr Patrick Vaus, parson of Wigtown, for £8 (Scots). Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Vaus, John Mcquhyn, Robert vrilie (?)
8. 1st August 1560.—Disposition by Gilbert, Earl of Cassillis, donator of the ward of the xx shilling land of Park and of the Parsonage of Dowglas, of the said parsonage and teinds, etc., to his lovite Mr Patrick Wauss. Witnesses—Mr Thomas Hay, parson of Spyne; Walter Kennedy, Gilbert McDowell.
9. 2d September 1560.—Gift of the above by the Earl of Cassillis. Parchment and the seal entire. Witnesses—William Kennedy of Coifa; David Kennedy of Braunston, Gilbert McDowell.
10. 10th March 1561.—Sasine Mr Patrick Waus of the lands of Dirskilpin, Glenjorie, Glenhowll, etc.
11. 31st July 1562.—Signet Warrant Mr Patrick Waus against the Abbot of Glenluce.
12. 6th August 1562.—Note of Contract of Wadset by the Earl of Cassillis, of Glenluce lands, to Mr Patrick Waus, viz.,

- Caschrew, 41 merks 11 shillings; Glenhoull, 8 merks; Glenjory, 4 merks; Barlockhart, 5 merks; Creoches, 4 merks; Dirskilpin, 4 merks.
13. 17th February 1562-3.—Precept of Sasine of an annuity of 12 merks out of Barquhanny. Hugh Kennedy to Mr Patrick Waus of Cascrew. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, Will<sup>m</sup> Campbell, John Aytoun, notary.
  14. 19th January 1564.—Discharge by James Panton of 59 pounds (balance of £80), paid by Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvanmains for Mr Patrick Waus, as cautioner for John Waus of Many. Witnesses—Allane Tod, Alex<sup>r</sup> Callender, Alex<sup>r</sup> Reid.
  15. 1564.—Gift and Commission by Mary Queen of Scots to Mr Patrick Waus of Cascrew to be Commissary of Wigtown.
  16. 29th September 1565.—Instrument of Sasine of annual rent from Auchmantle and Drummuckloch, in favour of Mr Patrick Waus of Cascrew. Witnesses—Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Maister, and Gilbert M<sup>c</sup>Culzeame, son to Gilbert M<sup>c</sup>C. in Artfield.
  17. 22d April 1567.—Instrument of Sasine of the two and a half merk land of Slewhibbert in favour of Alexander Waus. Witnesses—John Dunbar, in Orchardton; John Vauss, in Wigtoun; John Hawthorne, Martin M<sup>c</sup>erwne, in Knockan; Roger M<sup>c</sup>cewat.
  18. 11th December 1567.—Discharge by Robert Stewart, factor to Sir John Stewart of Minto, Chamberlain to the King, of the lands and lordships of Galloway above Cree, to Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, of feu-mails, etc., etc. Witnesses—Michael Lorest, Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Clellan, John Dodds.
  19. 13th April 1568.—Precept of Sasine of an annuity of twenty merks out of Barwhanny. Hugh Kennedy to Alexander Waus. Witnesses—Thomas Reid, Michael Kirkpatrick, David M<sup>c</sup>Lellane, in Corwar Outon; and David M<sup>c</sup>Clelland, a servant.
  20. 27th April 1568.—Discharge by Henry Smith, collector of thirds of benefices, to Patrick Waus, parson of Wigtown. Witnesses—Peter Thomsone, Ilay Herald, and Cuthbert Cuthbertsone.
  21. Grant to Mr Patrick Waus of Cascrew, by Queen Mary, of the ward and non-entry to his late brother's lands, and of the marriage of Helen Waus, and also of the escheat of Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Kie, brother to Archibald M<sup>c</sup>Kie of Merton, because of his assisting James, Earl of Moray, in the down-casting of Lochinvar's place of Kenmure, and also for the "treasonable revesing of our lige and pupill Helene vauss." Signed by the Queen, with the word "gratis" added to her signature. [It is not dated, but must have been soon after July 1568, when the Queen was in England.]
  22. 10th November 1568.—Instrument of Sasine, Mr Patrick Waus as heir to his brother Alexander in the lands of Barnbarroch, etc. Witnesses—Henry Haulthorne, in Mekill areis; John Haulthorn, his brother; Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, burgess of Whithorn;



- Robert Levynnax, uterine brother to John M<sup>c</sup>Culloch of Torhouse, Robert Johnstone, and John Anderson, servants to Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch.
23. 2d March 1568-9.—Sasine of Barvenan, Baltersan, and Mill of Penningham, to Mr Patrick Waus, as nearest of kin to his brother Alexander Waus. Witnesses—John Hawthorne, Patrick Mwir of Carnfield, John Hannay, Matthew Hay, q<sup>to</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kee, John Campbell, ——— M<sup>c</sup>Coid, and William M<sup>c</sup>Culloch.
24. 15th June 1569.—Sasine of Caskrew by the Earl of Cassillis to Patrick Waus and Elizabeth Kennedy his spouse, daughter to the Commendator of Glenluce. Witnesses—Henry Smyth, burgess of Edinburgh; Peter Thomson, Herald; Herbert Johnstoun, John Hanyng, and Thomas Waus, servants to the said Laird of Barnbarroch.
25. 14th September 1569.—Reversion of Barglas by Euphemia Dunbar, widow of Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—George Muir, John Hamiltoun, James Muir of Drumskeoch.
26. 11th October 1569.—Sasine Mr Patrick Waus in the five merk land of Prestrie. Witnesses—John Martin, vicar of Gelstoun, Henry Hawthorne in Meikle Areis, John Hawthorne his brother, George Martin in Portyarrock, and Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, burgess of Whithorn.
27. 28th November 1569.—Extract Rental of the King's lands in Kirkinner, held by Mr Patrick Waus.
28. 31st December 1569.—Gift by Regent Moray to Mr Patrick Waus, as heir to his brother (who had it), of the ward of Freuch, and the marriage of Margaret M<sup>c</sup>Dowall, daughter and heir of the late James M<sup>c</sup>Dowall. [Parchment in good preservation, but seal gone.]
29. 3d May 1570.—Precept of Sasine of an annuity of £20 out of Barquhanny; Hugh Kennedy to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus in Whithorn, Alex<sup>r</sup> Kirkklissis, Alex<sup>r</sup> Keffane, notary.
30. 9th July 1570.—Contract of Wadset by Sir Alexander Stewart of Dalswinton, knight, and Dame Catherine Hereis his spouse, of "the Hills" in the Parish of Glasserton, to Mr Patrick Waus, for 500 merks paid by him. Witnesses—George Foster, of Keidisdeill (Kidsdale); John Hathorne, Edward Nelsoun.
31. 1571.—Precept wherein Sir John Stewart of Minto charges Mr P. Waus to fulfil his contract. Witnesses—Gawane Dunbar of Baldoun, John Stewart of Dumgrayne, and Mathew Fischer, servants to the said Sir John Stewart of Minto, knight.
32. 5th February 1571-2.—Charter of Confirmation by commendator of Whithorn of Stennock, Shedlock, Prestrie, Barvernock, etc. Witnesses—Master Robert Herbertsone, rectore of air (? Ayr), John Stewart of Dungrand, and John Herbertsone.

33. 15th May 1573.—Contract between Mr P. Waus and Alex<sup>r</sup> McKie in Whitehills, and Helen Waus his spouse. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Garlies, Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvanmains, Gilbert Kennedy of Dalquharran, Hew Kennedy of Barquhanny, and Patrick McKie, brother to the said Alex<sup>r</sup>. Witnesses to Helen Waus' signature—Hew Kennedy of Barquhanny, John Kennedy his son and heir, Alex<sup>r</sup> Ekillis (?), Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, burgess of Whithorn; William Waus, burgess of Wigtown. (Her hand led to the pen.)
34. 5th July 1573.—Discharge by Helen Waus and Alex<sup>r</sup> McKie, her spouse, to her "cousin" Mr Patrick Waus, for all intromissions with the succession to the late Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus of Barnbarroch, her father. It refers to the preceding contract. Witnesses—3 of the above and Alex<sup>r</sup> Eklis (? Eccles).
35. 15th February 1573-4.—Instrument of Sasine in an annual rent of fifty merks out of the lands of Garrochtie by Robert Levenox, brother of Alex<sup>r</sup> Levenox of Buyfan and Callie, and Patrick McDowall of Logan, to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—William Boyde of Leswalt, John Stewart, son to the late Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Dalswintoun, Miles, Herbert Johnston.
36. 30th May 1574.—Contract of Wadset between Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch and Patrick Cairns of Cults, in favour of the former, for 2400 merks: viz., the 10 merk land of Galtways in the parish of Garolway in Kirkeudbright, mortgaged to W<sup>m</sup> Mcclennan of Balmangan, for 1200 merks and now redeemed; also the lauds of Cults, wadset to David Murray of Brochton for 500 merks, and to Alex<sup>r</sup> Gordon of Grange for £100, in all 1850 merks. To be repaid in three instalments of 400 merks, the interest on each to be 44 merks, or 11 per cent. Mr Patrick Waus and his wife to be infeft in the lands of Cults, in the parish of Craggleton, warranted worth 132 merks by year. The Superior of these lands was "Lord Sanct Johnne of Torphikkin, knight." Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Vaus, "Dene" John Hanyng, and Alex<sup>r</sup> Keffane, notary.
37. 23d June 1574.—Extract Special Retour of Helen Vaus, as heir of Alexander Vaus, her father, in the two and a half merk lands of old extent of Drumgorgane (Drumjargon). The names of the Jury are Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum, Mr Patrick Vaus of Barnbarroch, Gavin Dunbar of Bandone (Baldoon), John McCulloch of Torhouse, Thomas McClellen of Auchlein, Simon McCulloch of Miretoun, Alexander Ahannay of Sorbe, Simon MCristein of Clonche, M<sup>r</sup> Malcolm McCulloch in Creachdow, James McDowell of Durregill (Dalreagle), Archibald McKie of Myretoun, Alexander Lenox of Butillmains, William McClellen of Netherthrid, Robert Aschennand of Dumrypp, and Robert Gordoun of Barneryne.
38. — June 1574.—Charter of Alienation of the lands of Baryerrock by Patrick McKie of Larg, in favour of Mr Patrick Waus.

Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart of — [illegible, see No. 43] ; William McGowyn, commissary.

39. 9th April 1575.—Instrument of Sasine proceeding on Precept from Chancery for infefting Helen Waus as heir to her father in the two and a half merk land of Drumgorgane. Witnesses—Henry Hawthorn in Meikle Areis, Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus in Tibert-quharran, Thomas Kennedy, John Tait, Arthur Braidfute.
40. 18th April 1575.—Resignation of the lands of Capenoch and 40 penny land thereof, by Marg<sup>t</sup> Hannay, and Patrick Mulein, her spouse, to Mr Patrick Waus and Catherine Kennedy, his spouse. Witnesses—Henry Hawthorne, Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, Patrick McDowall, son of James McDowall of Dirregill ; and Patrick Torntoun.
41. 18th April 1575.—Precept of Resignation by Helen Waus of the Lands of Drumjargon in the King's hands. Witnesses—Henry Hawthorn, Alex<sup>r</sup> Wauss, Thomas Kennedy, John Tait, and Arthur Braidfute.
42. 10th May 1575.—Contract between Alex<sup>r</sup> McKie and Helen Waus, his spouse, and Simon McCulloch of Myretoun, anent the eight merk land of Balseir. Witnesses—Mr Patrick Vaus of Barnbarroch, Alex<sup>r</sup> Gordoun in Airlair, John Gordon in Krestine, Gilbert Kennedy, and Mr W<sup>m</sup> McGowyn, commissary of Wigtown.
43. 6th September 1575.—Instrument of Sasine of the lands of Baryarroch, by Patrick McKie of Larg, to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Barclay (apparente), Alex<sup>r</sup> McKee, son and heir to Larg ; and Mr W<sup>m</sup> McGowyn, commissary of Wigtown.
44. 20th January 1575-6.—Procuratory of Resignation of the lands of Slewhabert (Slahubart) in the King's hands, by Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—John Makdowell of Frewch, Alexander Murray of Drumphin (? Drumgin), William Paterson (scriba) writer.
45. 1575-6.—Duplicate of the above, signed but undated, and without witnesses. The name of the lands is spelt *Slahewbart*.
46. 1st February 1575-6.—Charter under the Great Seal of Slahewbert, Drumgorgane, Capanach, and forty penny land in favour of Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch and his spouse, upon the resignation of himself, Helen Waus and Marg<sup>t</sup> Ahannay. Witnesses—Adam, Bishop of Orkney, Commendator of Holyrood ; William Earl Marishall, Lord Keith, John Lord Glamis, Chancellor ; Robert, Commendator of Dunfermling ; Mr George Buchanan, pensioner of Corsraguel, keeper of the Privy Seal ; Sir John Bellenden of Auchnoul, Justice-Clerk ; Mr James McGill of Rankelour Nethir, Registrar, and Clerk of Council ; and Alexander Hay, Director of Chancery.
47. 1st February 1575-6.—Precept of Sasine following on the above.

48. 6th April 1576.—Instrument of Sasine of the same. Witnesses—John Herron of Kereuchtrie, Robert Jhonestoun, Patrick Tornetoun, servants to Mr Patrick Waus; and Michaele M<sup>c</sup>Kee in Drumjargane.
49. 15th August 1577.—Discharge by William Stewart, burgess of Glasgow, acting for Sir John Stewart of Minto, to Sir P. Waus for £100. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, burgess of Whithorn, Master Alane Stewart, Commendator of Corsraguell, Patrick Torntoun, and Andrew Bannatyne in Ballachtoull.
50. 24th August 1577.—Copy Instrument of Sasine in favour of Mr Patrick Waus in the lands of Cruggleton, Balsmith, Stennoek, Carleton, Knock, etc., upon a charter by Sir John Stewart of Minto. Witnesses—Arthur Braidfute, in Stenyok, Jone [illegible] in Cragilmine, Jone Halhorn in Blairschynnoch, Alex<sup>r</sup> Halhorn, his brother; and Michaele M<sup>c</sup>Kee in Drumjairgane.
51. 21st January 1577-8.—Instrument of Sasine of the forty penny land of Capanach, in favour of Margaret Ahannay, on a Charter from Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Roger M<sup>c</sup>Culloch, John M<sup>c</sup>Ylliam (M<sup>c</sup>William), William M<sup>c</sup>Cade, John M<sup>c</sup>Carnas, Thomas Cawen, and Thomas Kirkpatrick.
52. 24th and 30th January 1577-8.—Copy Contract of Sale of the lands of Apilbie by Sir John Stewart of Minto to Mr Patrick Waus, for £100 in hand, £200 before 25th Feb<sup>y</sup>, and £100 more as soon as Lord Robert Stewart gains his action for possession of the Priory of Whithorn. If Lord Robert lose the action, the money to be repaid. Witnesses—William Stewart, sone to John Stewart of Beltres, George Stewart, Patrick Hall Fischer, Arch<sup>d</sup> Eglinton, notar.
53. 7th March 1577-8.—A Provision anent Apilbie by Robert Maxwell of Garrerie to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Dowell of Mauchirmoir, Alex<sup>r</sup> Halhorn, brother of Halhorn in Areis; James Muir, Adam M<sup>c</sup>Cultron in Craig Miller, and Michaele Acoltron in Apilbie.
54. 7th March 1577-8.—Copy Instrument of Sasine of Apilbe to Mr Patrick Waus.—Same witnesses as above.
55. 11th May 1578.—Ratification and Approval by Mathew Stewart, son and heir-apparent to Sir John Stewart of Minto, of the three contracts made between his Father and Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, dated 3d Oct<sup>r</sup> 1571, 8th and 10th Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1576-7, and 24th and 27th Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1577-8, for the sale of lands belonging to the Priory of Whithorn. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, burgess of Whithorn, William Stewart, burgess of Glasgow, Peter Adyirstoun, Richart Waus, John Stewart, Mr John Scharp, and Mr John M<sup>c</sup>Calzeane.
56. 17th May 1578.—Precept of Sasine of the land of Balseir; Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kie and Helen Waus, his spouse; William Dunbar in Baldoon, attorney for Robert Stewart, second son of



Richard Stewart in Crossthrrie. Witnesses—Gavin Dunbar of Baldoon and George M<sup>c</sup>Ke.

57. 10th November 1578.—Copy Sasine of Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, etc., as heir to his brother, Mr Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus. Witnesses—Henry Haulthorne and John H., his brother; Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, Robert Levynnax, half-brother to John M<sup>c</sup>Culloch of Torhouse, Robert Johnnestoun, and John Alderstoun, servants to Mr Patrick Waus.
58. 12th March 1578-9.—Letters in the four forms Barnbarroch against Sir John Stewart of Minto and his eldest son Mathew, for fulfilling their contracts relative to lands sold by them. The three contracts are specified, and the lands are named, viz., 2½ merk land of Stenok M<sup>c</sup>Connell, the 2 merk land of Schedock, the 5 merk land of Prenstrey, the 4 merk land of Barnewarrach, the 10 merk land of Crugilton, the 5 merk land of Balsmith, the 2½ merk land of Stenok Corbet, the 10 merk land of Apilbie.
59. 1578-1581.—Contract between Mr Patrick Waus and Hew Kennedy of Barquhony, and his son, John Kennedy, by which the latter gave to the former the half of the recognition and inventory of lands, viz., the 4 merk land of Blairschenock, the 2 merk land of the 4 merk land of Culbay, the 3 merk land of Arrengilchie, the 8 merk land of Camfart and Arisassan, the 2½ merk land of Drumboy, the 1 merk land of Ardachie, the ½ merk land of Kilmuik, the ½ merk land of Creanlew, the 1 merk land of Sanctknok, the 1 merk land of Culwennan, the 1 merk land of Montibart, the 1 merk land of M<sup>c</sup>toayne, the ½ merk land of Drummabinwan.
60. 17th April 1580.—Contract of Wadset 300 merks on Baryerrock between Sir Patrick Waus, knight, and Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Kie of Larg. Witnesses—Andrew Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown, James M<sup>c</sup>Culloch of Drummorall, Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Kie in Blairdiry, John Wauss in Wigtown, John Muir, notary.
61. 3d June 1580.—Contract between Lord Robert Stewart, Prior of Whithorn, and Mr Patrick Waus, by which the former engages to renew Mr P. W.'s infestments, and the latter discharges all debts due to him by the Prior up to Whitsunday last, "Johnis pensiouin includit." Witnesses—Mr Robert Stewart, chalmerlain, and Mr W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Gowyn, commissary.
62. 9th June 1580.—Disposition of Crugilton Cavens, Schedok, Stennok M<sup>c</sup>connyll, Prestre, Midwig, Carltonne, Knok of Kirkmaden, Apilbe, and Mill, etc., thereof, Kerindone, by Lord Robert Stewart, Commendator of Whithorn, to Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, for 6000 pounds—the "umquhile" Sir John Stewart of Minto is named. Witnesses—Mr William M<sup>c</sup>Gowyn, commissary; Mr Robert Stewart; Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, burgess in Whithorn; John Kennedy of Barquhonny, Hew Kennedy.



63. 9th June 1580. Minute of Sasine of Mr P. Waus in the above lands. Witnesses—John Kennedy of Barquhony, younger; John Kennedy, servant to Mr Pat<sup>k</sup> Waus; Henry Halthorn in Mekill Areis, John Halthorn in Blairschinnoch, his brother; Alex<sup>r</sup> Halthorn in Powton (?), their brother; Alex<sup>r</sup> Wauss, burgess of Whithorn; David Kennedy, William Kennedy of Monhuson, Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Creric in Prestrie, Michael M<sup>c</sup>toning, William Maxwell in Preran, Arthur Braidfute in Sedyok, John Maxwell, and Peter M<sup>c</sup>ylwyane, connotary.
64. Names of the crofts about Whithorn, and other lands belonging to Sir Patrick Waus.
65. 3d December 1580.—Decreet against Helen Waus and Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kie, her husband, to compel her to sign a discharge.
66. 3d September to 26th September.—Certificates by Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Mulroun that he executed the King's letters against Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kie and Helen Waus, and blew them to the horn. Witnesses—3d September, Alex<sup>r</sup> Hannay, bailie of Wigtown; John Ball, George Williamson, William M<sup>c</sup>Culloch; 6th, James Nelson, James Bog; 9th, Thomas Akynson, Thomas Gordon, and Sir John Flemyng, Mychel M<sup>c</sup>Ilroy, John M<sup>c</sup>Come; Besse Hannay, spouse to George M<sup>c</sup>Come; Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Come, John Wilson, Andro M<sup>c</sup>Twhan, G<sup>t</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Dowell, My<sup>ll</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Clerie, Robert M<sup>c</sup>Clere, Allan M<sup>c</sup>Kee, John M<sup>c</sup>Kee, Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Ilroy, John M<sup>c</sup>Ilroy, and John M<sup>c</sup>Ke; 11th, Patrick Blane, William Wauss, John Wauss; 16th, Sir Symon M<sup>c</sup>Culloch of Mertoun, Dean John Angus, Sacristan of the Chapel of Stirling; Robert Gordon of Culvennan, and Sir John Flemyng; 26th, Laurence Torbrand, Lennard M<sup>c</sup>Ge, Jhone M<sup>c</sup>Crekane, William Wauss, and John Wauss.
67. 14th February 1580-1.—Sasine of the lands of Dowrie and Drumtrodden in favour of Mr Patrick Waus and Katherine Kennedy, his spouse, and their son John, by Martin M<sup>c</sup>Culloch in Dowrie. Witnesses—William Campbell of Kerintra; John Campbell in Barsalloch, his brother; John M<sup>c</sup>Culloch, tailor, at Lochend of Martoun; Francis M<sup>c</sup>Come, gardener at Martoun; William Kirkpatrick in Blairboy, George M<sup>c</sup>Clarie in Dowrie, and John Smit.
68. 28th August 1581.—Gift to Mr Patrick Waus of the ward and non-entries of the lands of Carsmannoch, Blackcraig, Lesscers, Kirrochtrie, and Drikmorne, belonging to Patrick Herone, son of unquhile John Herone of Kirrochtrie, with the marriage of the said Patrick Herone.
69. 25th October 1581.—Bond of Reversion over the lands of Nether Synniness by Arch<sup>d</sup> Kennedy of Sinniness in favour of Mr Patrick Waus and Katherine Kennedy, his spouse. Witnesses—John Kennedy, son to Hew K. in Barquhony; M.

Acoltiron in Apilbe, Thomas Kennedy in Blairschinnoch, and Sir Herbert Anderson.

70. 4th November 1581.—Instrument of Sasine of Mr Patrick Waus in the Lands of Kildonan. Witnesses—John McCaar in Kildonan, Nivin Aflek there, John McKellie in Stossland (?), and John Torgie.
71. 19th February 1581-2.—Contract between Mr Patrick Waus and Ninian Adair of Kenhilt, younger, by which the latter, on acquiring the lands of Loch and Kinoucher from Christian Dunbar, eldest daughter of Jonet Dunbar, one of the heirs of Andrew Dunbar of Loch, engages to sell them to the former. Witnesses—Thomas, tutor of Cassillis; and John Creychtoun, notary.
72. 9th March 1581-2.—Contract of Sale by Christiane Dunbar, with consent of her husband, John Adair, of the Lands of Loch to Ninian Adair of Kenhilt, younger. Witnesses—Patrick Agnew, son to Patrick Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown; John Murray, servitor to the said Ninian; William Adair, servant to the said Ninian; Mr John Russell, advocat; David Reid, his servant; Mr James Millar; and Archibald Millar, notary.
73. 14th June 1582.—Contract of Wadset between Mr Patrick Waus and William Dunbar in Culmalzie, and Catherine Muir, his spouse, 300 merks on Barnvaranoch. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Ahannay of Sorbie, Andro Ahannay, his brother; Andro Ahannay in Dirgawallis, John McCleyn in Balquhassie.
74. 14th June 1582.—Back Bond by the above William Dunbar and his wife to Mr Patrick Waus. The same witnesses.
75. 31st October 1582.—King James' Revocation of all Infefments, Pensions, etc., granted by him.
76. 20th November 1582.—Charter by King James, confirming Mr Patrick Waus in the lands of Knockan, Kildarroch, Kiribrine, and Kirriewauchope. Witnesses—The Commendators of Dunfermline and Blantyre; the rest illegible, but probably the other members of Council present on that day.
77. 25th July 1584.—Continuation of Summons raised by Sir Patrick Waus against Gavin Dunbar of Baldoon, John Dunbar his brother, Ninian McKie in Clacharie, Patrick Gullyne in Kirkynner, William McKie in Lybrek, John Kevan in Kirkynner, for the "wrangous" taking of his moss.
78. September 1584.—Letter of Reversion by John Kennedy, son of David Kennedy of Knockdow, to Sir Patrick Waus of the lands of Glenhoull, on repayment of 500 merks. Witnesses—John Kennedy of Barquhony, George Murray, y<sup>r</sup> of Brochtoun, Gilbert Ross, and William Campbell, notary.
79. 27th September 1584.—Discharge by Alex<sup>r</sup> McKie and Helen Waus to the right worshipful Mr Patrick Waus, and renunciation by them of all claims in consideration of "certain

- infestments, sums of money, divers other gratitudes and good deeds," done and paid to them by the said Mr Patrick. Witnesses—Archibald McKye of Mertoun, Alex<sup>r</sup> McDowgall in Carsuall (or Carsnaw), Archibald Cant, burgess in Edinburgh; Duncan McKye, burgess of Whithorn, John McGoun, Provost of Whithorn; and William Campbell, connotaris.
80. 23d April 1585.—Contract between Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzean, Tutor of Cassillis, and Sir Patrick Waus anent the lands of Achaltan and Glenalla, narrating that John, Earl of Cassillis, as heir to his father, is surety for John Hamilton, commendator of Aberbrothwick, and Claud Hamilton, commendator of Paisley, for £5000, part of a sum of £40,000 now claimed by James, Earl of Arran; and that Sir Patrick has borrowed 2000 merks from Mr John Sharp for relief of the Earl of Cassillis, and paid the sum to Sir Thomas the Tutor. That he has become liable to Mr John Sharp for the £5000, and has infest him in his whole lands of Barnbarroch and Barglass. Wherefore Sir Thomas engages to infest Sir Patrick in his lands of Achaltan and Glenalla. Witnesses—George Kennedy of Glenmuk (?), George Stewart, servitor to the said Tutor; David Kennedy, servitor to the said Mr Patrick; and John Kennedy, notar; together with William Baird of Dalduff.
81. 28th May 1585.—Contract of Wadset of the lands of Prestrie Sir Patrick Waus to Capt<sup>a</sup> Thomas Foster, with back tack thereof to Sir Patrick. Witnesses—John Ahannay, Provost of Wigtown; Mr W<sup>m</sup> McGown, commissary thereof; James Creichtoun, "pursevant;" and Alex<sup>r</sup> Craufurd in Gargarow.
82. 9th June 1585.—Contract between Sir Patrick Waus and Helen Waus and Alex<sup>r</sup> McKie, her spouse, in which Sir Pat<sup>k</sup> states that, not willing to defraud the said Helen (whom he calls both his cousin and his "ant," though she was his niece), and her two bairns, John and Walter McKie, he constitutes them his successors in a 19 year tak, which he has obtained from Andrew, Master of Ochiltree, and Margarete, Mistress of Ochiltree, his mother, of the lands of Whitehills. Witnesses—John Kennedy of Barquhany, David Kennedy, son to William Kennedy of Monunsioun; Thomas Waus, John Kennedy, son to Thom Kennedy of Barzerrak; and W<sup>m</sup> Dunbar in Culmalzocht.
83. 9th June 1585.—Charter of Balsier by Alex<sup>r</sup> McKie, with consent of Helen Waus his wife, in favour of Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Patrick Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown, Alex<sup>r</sup> Hannay of Sorbie, Archibald McKie of Myretoun, Gilbert Gordon of Polmallart.
84. 23d June 1585.—Instrument of Sasine in the lands of Balsier in favour of Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Robert Maxwell in

Garrarie, Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, bailie and burgess of Whithorn, Adam Cathcart, Arthur Braidfute in Stenyok, David Kennedy, son of W<sup>m</sup> Kennedy of Carinegawin, Michael McCraithir in Barmowling, Thomas Dungaloun, and John McGowynne, provost (preposito) of Whithorn.

85. 26th June 1585.—Charter by Robert Forester, commissary of Kirkcudbright, and vicar of Kirkcormok, of the Kirkland of Kirkcormok, countersigned by Adam, Bishop of Orkney. Witnesses—Thomas Forester, John Forester, Thomas McKreimein, burgess of Kirkcudbright, and William Ramsay of Sypland.
86. 23d February 1585-6.—Gift by King James VI. of the lands of Arborg to James Makcartney, keeper of the rolls, “in consideration of gude, trew, and faythfull service done to ws be our daylie serviture.”
87. 8th October 1586.—Charter by Mr Patrick Waus and Dame Catherine Kennedy his spouse of the lands of Barnbarroch in favour of Mr John Sharp of Houstoun, referring to obligations signed on 10th April and 25th May 1585 (see No. 80). On the back is a discharge by Mr John Sharp for 2500 merks paid by Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzean on behalf of Sir Patrick Waus, dated the 14th March 1590-1. Sir Patrick's signature has been carefully cut out. His seal is perfect. Witnesses to the charter—William McKie in Lybrek; Thomas Kennedy in Barzarok; W<sup>m</sup> Mwyr, Tutor of Carnfeild; and George McDowell in Kerewalcop. Witnesses to discharge—Master James Scharp; my son; John Sebirogie, and James Reidheuch, my servitors; and Thomas Waus, servant to the Lord of Barnbarroch.
88. 8th October 1586.—Instrument of Sasine on the above. Witnesses—W<sup>m</sup> Muir (Mwyr), tutor of Cairnfield; William Waus, Vicar of Longcastle; George McDowell in Kerewalcok; and William Muir in Mylntoun.
89. 3d January 1586-7.—Contract and Disposition of several lands and crofts belonging to the Priory of Whithorn by the Countess of Murray, feuar of the same, to John Waus, son to Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch. Witnesses—Jon Stewart, elder; James Stewart, younger; James Done; Mr Rob<sup>t</sup> Flescheour, servitor to James, Earl of Murray; Adam Cathcart, Thomas Waus, and Arch<sup>d</sup> Mure, servitors to Sir Patrick Waus.
90. 21st February 1586-7.—Summons Sir P. Waus against John Wallace of Dundonald, reciting contract between them, dated 5th November 1584, which names unquhile Dame Catherine Stewart Lady Garlies his spouse.
91. 18th April 1587.—Instrument of Sasine of the lands of Glenalloway in favour of Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—James Lockhart in Auchaltoun, John Lockhart his son, Alexander



- Kennedy in Balm<sup>t</sup> mertene, John Adam, servant to John Kennedy of Bogend; and Andrew McIlwrayth, servant to Gilbert Ross, notary of Glasgow.
92. 1587.—Gift of the commendatorship of Crossraguel to John Waus, eldest son of Sir Patrick Waus, with the King's signature, but no date except the year, and seems to be a draft.
  93. Receipts by David Reid for interest due to him, 16th July 1585 and 19th August 1587. Witnesses—John Crauford, son to John Crauford in Schaw; Thomas Reid in Madlandis, and Adam Cathcart, servitor to Sir Patrick Waus; David Kennedy, Robert Power, and David Bordland.
  94. 28th January 1586-7, and 3d February 1587-8.—Extract from Acts of Council in action Sir Patrick Waus against George McCalmont for violent and maisterful spoliation of Catharine McCrackane in the lands of Glenhoull.
  95. 28th January 1587-8. Decreet for violent profits, Sir Patrick Waus against Ninian Douglas in Apilbie. On the back is written, "This hail decret extendis for the 3 yeris bypast to the soume of nyne hundyrreth & xxx libis."
  96. 29th March 1588.—Mutual Obligation signed by Sir Andrew Agnew anent persons guilty of theft in the lands of Mochrum Loch. Witnesses—John Kennedy of Barquhouny (Barwhanny) Quintin Bryd of Accrochthir, and Alex<sup>r</sup> gnew (Agnew) in Challocke.
  97. 11th August 1588.—Charter by George Douglas of St Germain's of the lands of Borg to Sir Patrick Waus. G. Douglas' charter was given by the Earl of Morton 20th March 1578-9, and of new gift by the king on 26th May 1581. Witnesses—David Kennedy, servant to Sir Patrick Waus; John Williamson, servant of John Henryson, writer; and James Wilson, servant to the said George Douglas.
  98. 17th October 1588.—Contract between Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Garlies and John Waus, son to Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, fiar of the patronage of the parish church of Penningham; by which the former, heritable feuar of the "Freirmeill" (Friar meal) of certain lands, "extending in the hail to threscoir sextene bollis freirmeill," freely resigns his right to it to the latter, and he, as feuar and francenementar of the patronage of the parish kirk of Penningham, resigns it. Witnesses—Myretoun, John Maxwell, John Ahannay, Gavin Dunbar, Michael McCrackan, notary.
  99. 29th November 1589.—Instrument of resignation of the lands of Barnbarroch and Barglass, and the patronages of Kirkinner, Kirkcowan, and Colmonell, into the hands of the King, and re-grant by him at Upslo, "in cubiculo Regis," to Sir Patrick. Witnesses—Sir John Maitland of Thirlestane, Chancellor of Scotland; Sir Louis Bellenden of Auchnoule, Lord Justice-



Clerk ; William Wallace, Minister of Failfurde ; Mr George Young, Archdeacon of St Andrews ; Mr Peter Young of Setoune, Master Eleemosinar ; and Mr John Skene, advocate ; Adam Matheson, notary public of the diocese of Glasgow.

100. 30th November 1589.—Charter of confirmation by King James VI. of the lands of Barnbarroch and Barglass, and the Patronages of Kirkinner, Kirkcowan, and Colmonell, to Sir Patrick Waus, dated at Upslo in Norway.
- 19th March 1589-90.—Contract between Sir Pat<sup>k</sup> Waus and James Kennedy of Monnunsion, and David Kennedy, his brother german, obliging them to procure from Gilbert Kennedy, sone to the late John Kennedy of Monnunsion, a disposition to Sir Patrick of an annual rent due furth of the lands of Barquhanny. Witnesses—Robert Power, Thomas and John Waus, servitors to the Laird of Barnbarroch, and William Stevin.
101. List of the “ Duties and Mails ” due by Sir Pat<sup>k</sup> Waus to Sir Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Garlies out of his lands in the Priory of Whithorn for the years 1585-6-7-8-9 and 1590, “ Totalis of the haill teyndis threttein hundreth fiftie li.”
102. 25th June 1590.—Gift of a pension vacant by the death and bastardy of John Dunbar out of Barquhanny.
103. 18th August 1590.—Charter by Lord Setoun of the lands of Clauchrie and Clutach in favour of Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Mr Walter Ogilvie, Alex<sup>r</sup> Gordon, John Waus (appeirand).
104. 18th August 1590.—Instrument of Sasine of the above. Witnesses—Henry Halthorne in Meikle Airies, Adam Murray, Ar<sup>d</sup> Muir, Thomas and Alex<sup>r</sup> Waus, servitors to Sir Patrick ; and Alex<sup>r</sup> Gordoun, son to Mr Roger Gordoun of Balcray.
105. 3d August 1591.—Inhibition, Sir Patrick Waus against Simon Fergusson, younger of Kilkerran, upon a contract of sale of the lands of Lybrek.
106. 12th August 1591.—Charter by the King in favour of Sir Patrick Waus and his heirs male of the lands of Barnbarroch and Barglass, and the patronages of Kirkinner, and Kirkcowan, and Colmonell, as in former charters ; also of the patronage of Wigtown, and of the lands of Bar, Carhullock, Mylnetoune, Elrig, Dririe, Carsdougan, Drumnescat, Dirrieblair, Altekey, Skerth, Little Druchtag Clontagboyes, Bordland of Longcastle, Culgary, Arrengylschi, Caponehauch, Fortypenny Land, Drumjargane, Sleuhuburne, creating them all into the Barony of Barnbarroch.
107. 12th August 1591.—Precept of Sasine on the above.
108. 4th January 1591-2.—Instrument of Sasine on the same. Witnesses—Henry Hauthorne of Aires ; Patrick Wawss in Kildarrath ; John Muir, clerk, of Edinburgh ; John Kennedy

- in Slewhubert, and John Stewart in Barnbarroch ; Michael Cochrane, clerk of diocese of Glasgow, notary public.
109. 9th October 1592.—Tack of Culmalzie and the Mill there, to William Dunbar and Catherine Muir, his spouse. Witnesses—W<sup>m</sup> Gordon of Crauchlaw ; Alex<sup>r</sup> Bailze, appeirand of Blairschynoch and younger in Mekill Dunragat ; Alex<sup>r</sup> and Thomas Waus, servants.
110. 28th October 1592.—Precept of Sasine by Sir Patrick Waus and John Waus, his son, of half of the five merk land of Craigilmine, in favour of Malcolm Baillie in Arbrog. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Baillie in Blairshinnoch ; Henry Haulthorne of Meikle Airies ; Alex<sup>r</sup> Haulthorne, his son ; Alex<sup>r</sup> Gordon, brother-german of William Gordon of Crachlaw.
111. 30th November 1592.—Agreement between Sir Patrick Waus, as yconomus and coadjutor to his son John, commendator of Corsraguel, and John, Earl of Cassillis, anent the crops of 1593 and 1594. Witnesses—Gilbert Ross, William Stevin, Mr William Scot, and Gilbert Kennedy.
112. 17th April 1593.—Tack of the Parsonage and Vicarage Teinds of Longaster (Longcastle), by John Young, parson and vicar thereof, to Sir Patrick Waus. He names his predecessor umquhile Sir Nichol Dougalsone. Witnesses—Alex<sup>r</sup> Gordon, Thomas Vaus, and Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Kie, servitors to Sir Patrick.
113. 24th April 1593.—Inquest by which William Kennedy of Barwhanny was served heir to his father John, and his grandfather Hew, Kennedy ; Sir Patrick Waus was his tutor. The jury were—Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Kie of Larg ; George Murray of Brochton ; Alex<sup>r</sup> Gordon, tutor of Crauchlaw ; John M<sup>c</sup>Dowell of Logan ; Symon M<sup>c</sup>Crystine of Clonsche ; William Kennedy of Gillespick ; Harie Halthorne of Airies ; Johne Gordon in Cwill (?) ; Robert Maxwell in Garrerie ; Robert Stewart of Castnestag (Carsnestock) ; W<sup>m</sup> Campbell of Kerintray ; William Fleming of Crauchdow ; Robert Gordon of Barnerreny ; James Tuedie of Ganoch ; John M<sup>c</sup>Kie of Drumboy.
114. 23d June 1593.—Precept of Sasine by Malcolm Fleming of the lands of Baldinsmith to Sir P. Waus. Witnesses—Robert Fleming in Ballocht ; John Stark, burgess of Edinburgh ; Alex<sup>r</sup> Gordon, apparent of Balcray ; Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Nekle (M<sup>c</sup>Nichol ?), servitor to the said Alex<sup>r</sup>.
115. 13th October 1593.—Infestment anent the Sasine of Balsmith. Witnesses—Rob<sup>t</sup> Maxwell of Rispein and Craig ; James M<sup>c</sup>Culloch ; John Gowyn of Skeath ; and Peter M<sup>c</sup>Ilwyane, notary public.
116. 22d October 1593.—Charter of the Barony of Etoun, by Thos. M<sup>c</sup>Clellan of Bomby to Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Mr Archibald M<sup>c</sup>Clellane, George M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, servants to Bomby ; and Charles Dwn (?) in Stewarton ; and James Meikill, notary.
117. 15th November 1593.—Instrument of Sasine of Sir Patrick

- Waus in the Barony of Etoun. Witnesses—Thomas and Alex<sup>r</sup> Wawss, servants of Sir Patrick; John Waws of Fornoch; Patrick Waws in Kildarrach; and Charles Dwne in Stewarton; Michael Cochrane, clerk and notary.
118. 27th November 1593.—Contract of Wadset between Sir Patrick Waus and John Stewart of Croscherie; 600 merks on Keryquhillard (now Airiequhillart). Witnesses—William McCrystine and William Nisbet. [Imperfect.]
119. 4th April 1594.—Sasine of Craigilmine in favour of Malcolm Baillie in Arbrog. Witnesses—Symone Symsons [illegible] in Kirkynner, Michael Coltran in Lie Manyss of Whithorn, Henry Milhanche in Craigilmeyn, Patrick McCrackan there, and Christopher McGowyn in Whithorne.
120. 20th June 1594.—Precept of Sasine of Craigdow, William Fleming to Sir Patrick Waus. (Not signed or witnessed.)
121. 12th July 1594.—Decreet obtained by Sir Pat<sup>k</sup> Waus and his second son Patrick against Thomas Kennedy of Bargany, for delivering a letter of reversion of the lands of Lybrek, to which lands Barnbarroch had irredeemable right from Simon and Bernard Fergusson of Kilkerran, elder and younger.
122. 20th August 1594.—Registered Bond by Thomas McClellane of Orchardton to Sir Patrick Waus for 80 merks yearly, so long as he shall possess and occupy the half thereof. Witnesses—Bomby, Gelston, William Houston of Cotreoch.
123. 17th October 1594.—Bond by Sir Patrick Waus to W<sup>m</sup> Houstoun of Cuttreoch, who married Sir Patrick's daughter Catherine, for £100 a year. Witnesses—Thomas and John Waus, Alex<sup>r</sup> Halthorne, W<sup>m</sup> Nisbet.
124. 9th November 1594.—Summons to Andrew Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown, to deliver to Sir Patrick Waus his service as heir to his granduncle, George, late Bishop of Galloway.
125. 19th February 1594-5.—Sasine of Temple lands of Whithorn parish to Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Patrick and John McCerie in Prestorie; Niniane Torntoun, [     <sup>1</sup> ] in the burgh of Whithorn; and Patrick McKay, clerk of the same.
126. 23d October 1595.—Instrument of Sasine of the 40 penny land of Capenoch in favour of John Mwlene. Witnesses—John Edzar in Capanach, John McKee in Barveranach (?), Robert Anderson there, Thomas McLowe in [illegible], Gilbert Mulligane in Barvaranach.
127. 10th November 1595.—Instrument of Sasine by John, Fifth Earl of Cassillis, in favour of Sir Patrick Waus and Catherine Kennedy, his spouse, of the lands of Caskreuth, Nether Sinniness, Glenhoull, Dirvairs, Barschangane, Derskilbene, and Dernanie. Witnesses—William Dunbar in Culmalzo; Andrew Lindsay in Furdland of Machrimoir; John Waus, apparent of Barnbarrach; Gilbert Bailzie in Barschangand; and Walter Cowlart in Caskreuth.

<sup>1</sup> degen, as written, but there may be two contractions.

128. 22d November 1595.—Charter by Robert Forester to Robert Gordon, son of the late James Gordon of Barnbarroch, of the kirkland of Kirkcormock. Witnesses—Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Clellane, apparent of Balmangane; Gilbert M<sup>c</sup>Clellane of Gretnay; John M<sup>c</sup>Kie, notary public.
129. 1595.—Unsigned Procuratory of Resignation, James M<sup>c</sup>Cartney to Sir Patrick Waus of the lands of Arbrog.
130. 13th December 1595.—Contract between Sir Patrick Waus and James M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, whereby the latter sells to Sir Pat<sup>k</sup> the lands of Arbrog and Craiglemine, and Sir Pat<sup>k</sup> is to infeft him in an annual rent of eight score merks out of Barnbarroch. John Arnott, merchant in Edinburgh, cautioner for M<sup>c</sup>Cartney. Witnesses—Mr Thomas Hammilton, William M<sup>c</sup>Crystene, Zacharie Macgill, William Nisbet, Mr James Hammilton, Mr Johne Schrogie.
131. 5th May 1596.—Charter by William M<sup>c</sup>Culloch of Myretoun to Sir Patrick Waus and his third son Robert of an annual rent of 606 merks, 6 shillings, and eightpence, out of the barony of Myretoun, extending to 40 merk land of old extent. Witnesses—John Waus, younger of Barnbarroch; George M<sup>c</sup>Culloch in Arihaman; William Fleming de Crachdow; James Glover, notary public; and William Nisbet, servant to Sir P. Waus.
132. 5th July 1596.—Charter under the Great Seal of the lands of Knockan, Clutage, Kildarrauch, Kerewalcoke, Kirrebrewyne, Arbrog, in favour of Sir Patrick Waus and his son John and his heirs, failing whom, to his second, third, and fourth sons, Patrick, Robert, and Alexander, etc., etc. Witnesses—John Lord Hamilton and Aberbrothok; George Earl Marischall; Lord Keith; Mr John Lindsay, parson of Menmore, secretary; Sir Richard Cokburne, younger of Clerkingtoun, Keeper of Our Privy Seal; Mr John Skene, clerk of the Council; Sir John Cokburne of Ormistoun, Lord Justice Clerk; and Mr William Scott of Grangemure, Director of “Chancellorie.”
133. 12th October 1596.—Instrument of Sasine following on the above. Witnesses—Robert Lindsay, Burgess of Whithorn; Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Crie in Prestorie; John M<sup>c</sup>Culloch in Kerrebrwyne; John Kennedy, Thomas Waus, and Patrick M<sup>c</sup>Kie, servants to Sir P. Waus.
134. 24th July 1596.—Confirmation signed by King James VI. to Elizabeth Wauss, spouss to John Shaw of Sornbeg, of the lands of Sornbeg; countersigned, Blantyre, treasurer; Culluthy; Mr Almussart (?).
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- Page xxx (INTRODUCTION), line 13, for "1556" read "1566."*  
*Page xxx (INTRODUCTION), line 14, for "1577" read "1557."*  
*Page xxxii (INTRODUCTION), line 28, for "A embargo" read "An embargo."*  
*Page xxxv (INTRODUCTION), line 1, for "country" read "county."*  
*Page 7, line 32, for "lands" read "landis."*  
*Page 8, line 1, for "acts" read "actis."*  
*Page 8, line 3, for "quhilks" read "quhilkis;" and in some other instances this ancient, instead of the modern, form of the plural should have been used.*  
*Page 8, line 19, for "letters" read "lettres;" and in other instances this rendering of the contraction "lres." should have been used.*  
*Page 8, line 19, for "we" read "ws."*  
*Page 13, line 5, for "faders" read "fader."*  
*Page 13, line 26, for "supplicationis" read "suppliationun."*  
*Page 25, line 34, for "contentane" read "contentatione."*  
*Page 36, line 14, for "his" read "hir."*  
*Page 53, line 33, for "Drumlargane" read "Drumjargan."*  
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*Page 71, line 34, for "quhu" read "quha."*  
*Page 72, line 10, for "towarte" read "towartes."*  
*Page 74, line 11, for "on pane" read "oup ane."*  
*Page 96, line 10, for "father" read "grandfather."*  
*Page 101, line 13, for "Daildowr" read "Daildowe."*  
*Page 102, line 13, insert "[Holograph]."*  
*Page 106, line 15, insert "[Holograph]."*  
*Page 155, line 29, for "J. Stewart" read "M. Stewart."*  
*Page 178, line 3, for "A. Boyd" read "R. Boyd."*  
*Page 185, line 2, for "1578" read "1575."*  
*Page 294, line 29, insert "[Holograph]."*  
*Page 305, note, for "1541" read "1561-2."*  
*Page 325, line 24, for "Mr Morran" read "McMorran."*  
*Page 335, line 30, for "lady" read "lord."*  
*Page 422, line 6, for "A sfor" read "As for,"*  
*Page 468, line 9, insert "[Holograph]."*  
*Page 473, line 26, for "from" read "to," and for "to" read "from."*  
*Page 493, line 13, for "vt" read "et."*  
*Page 521, line 22, for "John" read "Sir John."*  
*Page 538, line 1, for "Patrick" read "Sir Patrick."*















